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Graduation shifts to Georgia Dome

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Georgia Dome has been selected as the venue for Tech's spring commencement, according to the Registrar's office. As a result of the location change, there will not be separate ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate students this year. The change was announced in an email sent to graduating students Tuesday.

The move from the Alexander Memorial Coliseum, the traditional venue for commencement, was necessitated by the record number of students planning to graduate this spring. "Knowing that we were faced with the largest graduating class ever this year, we knew we couldn't fit all of them," said Bob Harty, executive director of Institute Communications and Public Affairs. "We simply don't have one facility on campus that can accommodate the growing...student body."

According to Harty, the administration has already had difficulty accommodating graduating students in the Coliseum at past ceremonies. There were more students participating in past ceremonies than could be seated on the floor of the facility. "We [were] already putting tens, if not hundreds, of students up in the regular seating in the coliseum," Harty said.

With the even greater number of students at this year's ceremony, it was necessary to come up with an alternate plan. The administration



Undergraduates and their guests pack the Coliseum for commencement May 1, 2004. Because of space constraints, this spring, a joint graduate-undergraduate ceremony will occur at the Georgia Dome.

By Christopher Gooley/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

considered a variety of ideas before settling on an alternate venue.

One of the options was splitting undergraduate commencement, resulting in a total of three ceremonies. However, this option had several downsides. "It sets up a situation where people may perceive that one ceremony was better than the other," Harty said.

Commencement has already been split once, into separate ceremonies for graduate and under-

graduate students, as a result of the Coliseum's small size. According to Harty, further splits would make it increasingly difficult to attract good speakers for the ceremony.

A split in undergraduate commencement would also have negative effects from a symbolic perspective. "To keep the mission of Georgia Tech, in the sense of growing as a well-rounded college, it wouldn't make sense to split it up by colleges," said Amy Phuong, undergraduate

student body president, who was involved in the administration's discussions about commencement.

Another option taken into consideration was to keep the ceremony at the Coliseum and institute a ticketing system. This choice also had several flaws. "Very few [schools] have switched to a ticketing system," Harty said. "It's very unpopular."

According to Harty, the size of

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Dance marathon tonight at CRC

The Dance Marathon at Tech takes place tonight at the CRC from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Students can register for the charity fundraiser at www.marathon.gatech.edu, or they can show up at the door. Attendees are encouraged to bring donations with them to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Over \$7,000 worth of products will be given away.

Transportation changes bus route

According to the Parking Office, the Green Stinger route will change Monday, Feb. 14. The re-routing is due to service extension to the NARA site and West Campus. Students can find an updated route map at www.parking.gatech.edu.

'Nique wins top press award

The *Technique* received top honors from the Georgia College Press Association Saturday, beating out other college newspapers to win the General Excellence Award. The *'Nique* also received first-place honors among large four-year universities for general photography, features and editorials. The paper also won second-place awards for news, sports, and layout and design, as well as third place for improvement. The awards were for performance over 2004.

FASET director moves to CoC

By Amanda Dugan
Staff Writer

The director of FASET orientation, Amy Stalzer, is moving to an academic advising position in the College of Computing. Current assistant director of FASET, Meredith Ray, will be moving up to the director position.

"It's time to get a new perspective. Someone with new ideas can take it to the next level," Stalzer said.

FASET, Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environs of Tech, has been under the direction of Stalzer for the past six summers. All incoming Tech students are encouraged to attend FASET orientation, and over 3,000 incoming students attended FASET in 2004.

"I'm excited where the program is right now. It has become very stable and is in a good place," Stalzer said.

FASET cabinet members say Stalzer has made a big impact on the program. "Look at where FASET is today—it would not be there without Amy," said Josh Mallett, fourth-year Industrial Engineering major and FASET cabinet member. "She turned around what was a good program and made it one of the best

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Amy Stalzer
Director of FASET

in the country," Mallett said.

"Amy has certainly improved the program since I was in it as a freshman," said Carly Westcott, third-year Industrial Engineering major and FASET cabinet member.

Several changes have been made to FASET since Stalzer has worked with the program.

These changes include a flexible schedule, extended academic programs, and the addition of an assistant director. "Students and parents can choose from different sessions instead of how it was before with one speaker after another. It's more conference-style than lecture," Stalzer said.

A change in the academic programming of FASET addressed one of its stated purposes: to better acquaint students with the academic environment at Tech.

"The advisement model changed to be an academic program with each major having more flexibility. Now they have up to three hours to explain the major and even career options to students and parents," Stalzer said.

"There are so many freshmen that it was hard to focus on the transfer students. We added a professional position, assistant director, to make sure transfer students get the full experience," Stalzer said. FASET hosted 2,470 freshmen and 648 transfer students in 2004.

Current assistant director and Tech graduate Meredith Ray will step into Stalzer's director position. A new assistant director has not been named. "To do this job you have to really love the program. It

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HOPE scholars will face spring hurdle

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

Last week, many students received an email from the Office of Student Financial Planning and Services announcing changes to the way eligibility for the HOPE scholarship program is calculated.

The email, sent to students Feb. 2, states, "As of spring term 2005 the HOPE regulations require all students be checked at the end of each spring term."

"This means spring term will be a checkpoint in addition to the 30, 60 and 90 hours checkpoints."

This new requirement eliminates the ability of students to ration the number of hours they take each semester to draw out HOPE funding for as long as possible.

"It was specifically a money-saving procedure," said Marie Mons, director of Student Financial Plan-

ning and Services, referring to the new checkpoint implemented by the state legislature.

An overall GPA of 3.0 or better qualifies students for HOPE funds, which covers tuition as well as \$300 toward books. Because of the popularity of the program, state politicians have sought to keep the program and decrease spending.

Through the current plan, the required 3.0 average has not changed, and funding for students has not dropped.

The compromise is that with students being checked each spring in addition to every 30, 60 and 90 hours, more students are likely to lose HOPE earlier than expected.

Mons said that students who take fewer than 15 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters and don't maintain a 3.0 average throughout

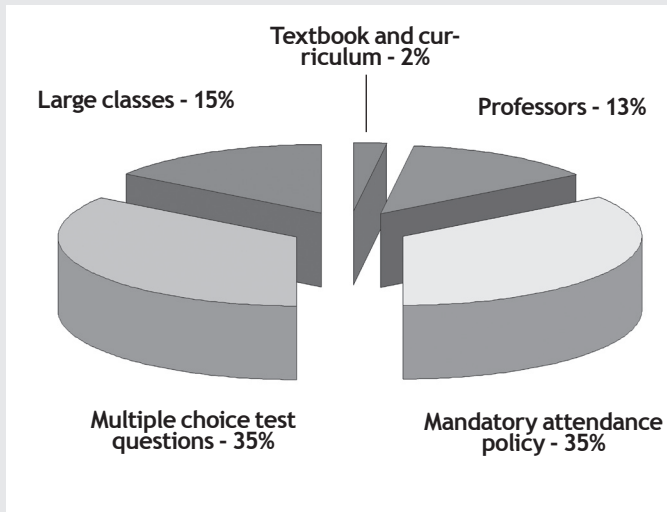
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Marie Mons
Dir. Financial Planning

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Last issue's question received 45 responses.
What is the biggest problem with Physics?



By Lauren Griffin/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Where would you like commencement to be?

Tell us at www.nique.net

**Stolen hard drives**

On Feb. 2, 2005 an employee working in Boggs building reported that two computer hard drives were stolen from room 106 E of the Laser Dynamics Lab. The theft took place during the night of Feb. 1. There was no sign of a break-in. The estimated price of the hard drives are \$1,000 each. A GT Police investigation is underway.

Broken window

On Feb. 2, a student living in Caldwell residence hall reported that

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Office space?

A Tech employee reported Feb. 1 that unknown people tore her proof of insurance from inside her car, and broke her ashtray in her vehicle.

Although there were no obvious signs of forced entry, the victim suspects a slim-jim was used to enter into her vehicle. She suspects that her supervisor and co-worker are the culprits behind this incident, whom she has been lodging complaints against for the past few months.

Stolen bag

A student reported that her sports bag was stolen from the Alexander Memorial Coliseum on Feb. 2, 2005. The student had left her sports bag unattended for no more than 10 minutes when she reported them missing. An unauthorized credit card use was also reported.

This week's campus crime information contributed by Omer Khan

Corrections

- An article in the Feb. 4 issue about mold in Montag dorm misidentified the TV station that first reported the story. It was WGCL-TV. WGNX-TV was the station's old name.

The *Technique* welcomes your comments and suggestions, as well as information about errors that call for correction. Messages may be emailed to nique@gatech.edu. Letters to the editor may be directed to the same address, or to opinions@technique.gatech.edu.

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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Graduates pass four bills in short meeting

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate tore through four allocation bills in one of its shortest meetings this year on Tuesday. None of the bills sparked much, if any, discussion, and all were passed.

The first bill up for consideration was a request for an allocation to the Winterguard Club for money to cover supplies related to its performing arts competition, which involves activities similar to those of the band's color guard. The organization representative said there were no graduate students in the club, but she noted that members pay \$400 dues for their spring semester membership.

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) had originally recommended against funding the bill due to the club's lack of fundraising efforts.

JFC Chair David Andersen said, "We didn't feel that the organization had done any outside fundraising. However, I will point out that when we made the recommendation, we were under the impression that they had raised \$400 total, not \$400 per person."

Andersen said he can't change

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the committee's recommendation, as he is only one of its members, but he said senators should keep in mind the amount of money that each individual had contributed.

The bill was then passed in full with little further discussion.

The second bill involved even less discussion than the first. The National Panhellenic Council requested money for the first annual Black History Month Ball to be held this month at the Alumni House. The event and publicity costs associated with it were estimated to cost a total of \$5,000; the bill requested an allocation of just over \$1,900. The bill passed with almost no discussion.

Danielle McDonald, assistant

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR passes bills with little debate



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

FreShGA advisors Alison Graab, Danny Puckett and Justin Harper talked about the history and future of FreShGA as a subcommittee of SGA at Tuesday's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting.

By Nikhil Joshi
Staff Writer

Four joint allocation bills were passed and a new Co-op Representative was appointed in Tuesday's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting. The Winterguard Club, National Pan-Hellenic Council, President's Council Governing Board and Water Polo Club were provided funding.

The first of the passed bills was a joint allocation to the Winterguard Club. Organizational representatives indicated that the club's activities are similar to those of the color guard, but it is an independent group which does not compete with the band. The club, currently in its third year, has

faced other groups in the southeast in competitions for two years.

According to David Andersen, chair of the Joint Finance Committee, the original recommendation was to not pass the bill because it was assumed that no efforts had been taken to fundraise. However, the organizational representatives announced that each club member had contributed \$400.

Andersen, although he could not officially change the recommendation, acknowledged that "\$400 is a significant amount and something to take into consideration when voting on the bill."

The second bill passed was a joint allocation to the National Pan-Hellenic Council. This body,

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the Governing Board for eight historically African-American Greek houses, asked for and was given an allocation for \$1,911.50 to fund the

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BuzzFunds aid student orgs

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Auxiliary Services has published guidelines for organizations seeking funding from the department's BuzzFunds.

Financed through the sale and licensing of official Tech merchandise, BuzzFunds are a collection of monies made available by Auxiliary Services to applicants from any Auxiliary Services department or chartered student organization, for use towards a major program or event.

The availability of BuzzFunds was established roughly two years ago after the completion of a lengthy lawsuit involving the issue of infringement on the Buzz logo. "We had a lawsuit that lasted for three or four years... During that time... everything went to pay legal bills... so for several years we didn't have any programs because we didn't have any money," said Rosalind Meyers, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services.

With the lawsuit finally over, the money that had been going towards

the payment of legal fees was again available for use by the school. Sting Break and the costs involved with it are given first consideration in the allocation of these licensing proceeds. The rest of the proceeds are then divided between the Athletic Association, the Alumni Association and Auxiliary Services.

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Rosalind Meyers
Associate VP, Aux. Services

While BuzzFunds have been around for over two years now, their availability has been little publicized to the community as a whole.

"We tried to get the word out," Meyers said, by speaking with top student leaders and advertising for the program.

The two largest projects in terms

of monetary contributions that are funded by BuzzFunds are programs that lie under Auxiliary Services: the IMPACT Scholarships and Emerging Leaders, two programs that amount to roughly \$80,000 a year.

According to Meyers, Auxiliary Services has also had a long precedence of funding multicultural programs in conjunction with the Office of International Education, especially for those students living in married student housing.

In 2003-2004 spending year however, eight other programs and events not affiliated with Auxiliary Services were able to benefit from BuzzFunds contributions.

Included in the list of beneficiaries are Georgia Tech Dance Marathon, Tech Beautification Day, Up With the White and Gold, Red Carpet Day and Sophomore Summit.

BuzzFunds were also given to Relay for Life to pay for the screen that showed the Final Four men's basketball game, as well as Six Flag's

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Black History Month Ball.

President Wiljeana Jackson said that the group "supports the social growth of Tech students" and hopes to "enhance the social surroundings of the campus" with the Black History Month Ball.

Also passed was a bill allocating \$1,950.00 to the President's Council Governing Board. Almost all student organizations have a council within the President's Council. Danielle McDonald, assistant dean and director of Student Involvement, said that the money would go towards the salary of the Cyberbuzz administrator, a position previously funded by the

Student Involvement fund.

Andersen said, "SGA should fund the organization because issues with Cyberbuzz servers affect all student organizations."

A bill allocating \$1,375.00 to the Water Polo Club was also passed by the Undergraduate House. Organization representatives said the club depends on spring participation and is also doing internal fundraising.

The bill was passed as per amendments by the Joint Finance Committee, which brought the amount down from \$2,000 after being informed that the team no longer needed some of the requested funds.

Finally, Christina Efland was appointed and sworn in as Co-op Representative.

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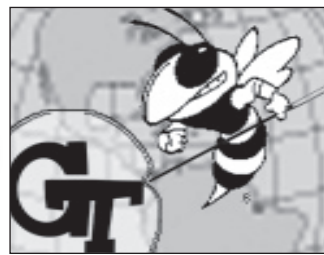
takes a lot of nights and weekends. There are so many details and such collaboration," Stalzer said. "[Ray] can take it to the next level."

FASET cabinet members expressed confidence in Ray's ability. "I think Amy reached a point where she got FASET as good as she could. It's time to pass on the reins to Meredith," Mallett said.

An external review of FASET last spring suggested improvements that are being considered.

"They suggested incorporating more academic topics and to increase communication before and after FASET," Stalzer said.

Breaking *the* Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Next to go: peanuts and drinks

In yet another move to minimize costs, American Airlines is eliminating pillows from most intercontinental flights.

Flights to Latin America and the Caribbean will also go without pillows, as the airline attempts to "uncover every stone" in their efforts to lower air fares by reducing costs, said American spokesman Tim Wagner.

"Initially we got some complaints," said Wagner, but customers realized that lower fares were more important than pillows and the complaints tapered off.

No other major carrier has eliminated pillows on flights, though Delta has started to move its pillows from overhead storage to the back of the plane.

Without pillows, American customers can expect more neck pains. The airline, however, expects to save \$675,000.

Saudis take first step toward democracy

Saudi Arabia is holding its first nationwide municipal elections. Women, however, are excluded from running for office as well as voting. These elections are a small step that represent the Saudi government's cautious attempt to democratize in the kingdom.

The polls began in the capital, Riyadh, on Thursday and will continue in three phases.

A total of 1,800 candidates are competing for a mere 592 seats in 178 councils. In Riyadh, 650 are fighting for seven seats.

Though a few polls have been held in major cities in the past, Saudi Arabia continues to be an absolute monarchy, ruled by the powerful al-Sauds.

The voting is open to all Saudi men over age 21 who are not currently in the military.

The voter will only actually be able to elect one half of municipal seats; the other half will continue to be appointed by the royal family. All mayors will continue to be appointed as well.

Middle East takes steps toward peace

In his first major move as Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas has declared a truce with Israeli leader Ariel Sharon.

The Palestinian militant group Hamas has pledged a temporary cease-fire, while Israel is taking steps to begin easing travel restrictions on Palestinians.

Critics from both sides of the conflict are showing optimism with regards to the latest developments in the Middle East situation.

In the meantime, Sharon is going ahead with his plans to withdraw Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip this summer, despite heavy opposition from within his own party.

Israel also plans to remove some of the major checkpoints in the West Bank and allow more Palestine laborers to enter Israel each day.

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Making Friday classes more interesting!



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Mah Jong: One student reaches over to help his neighbor rearrange tiles during a game of Mah Jong at Chinese Student Association's Culture night last Friday at the Student Center.

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the Coliseum would mean that each student would get anywhere from three to five tickets, which may not be sufficient for all members of the student's family. As a result, students would have to select just a few family members who can attend their graduation ceremony. "It's hard for the student to make those kinds of decisions; it puts a lot of pressure on them," Harty said. In addition to the limited number of tickets that would be available, this option would lead to another significant problem. "People are smart, and if you have a ticketing system, in the not-too-distant future comes a black market for those tickets," Harty said.

The third major option to be rejected was to hold graduation outdoors at Grant Field. The ad-

ministration found that in five of the last ten years there was rain or severe weather on the day of spring commencement, however.

The potential for weather problems necessitated having a full backup plan in place. "If we do it at the stadium, and it happens to rain," Phuong said, "where are we going to send everybody? Do we shove everybody back into the Coliseum? If we were to shove everybody back into the Coliseum, do we go to a ticketing system then?"

While none of the alternate options are problem-free, the administration concluded that the optimal choice was moving commencement to an off-campus venue.

The Georgia Dome was selected because of its proximity to campus and because of positive experiences Tech has had with the facility in the past. "We didn't want to try and move

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dean and director of student involvement, then spoke to the senators about an allocation request from President's Council for money to hire a Cyberbuzz administrator.

She said the money normally comes from her own funding, but budget cuts would not allow it.

McDonald added that she would normally make up for those cuts in cutting back student assistant hours, but the new office in the Student Center Commons did not permit that either.

JFC recommended funding the bill at its full \$1,950 amount, and it was passed with little discussion.

The final bill to come before the senators was a request for \$1,375 for travel expenses and entry fees for various tournaments the Water Polo Club will attend this semester, ranging in location from the University of Florida to UGA.

Similar to the bills before it, this allocation was passed with little discussion.

it out to Gwinnett county or some place like that," Harty said.

Furthermore, according to Harty, holding the ceremony at the Georgia Dome will not cost significantly more than holding it at the Coliseum would, because renting the Georgia Dome includes the costs of security, staff and setup, while the school would have to pay for all of those separately if the ceremony was still held on-campus. "It's probably not the least expensive option, [but] it certainly isn't the most expensive option," he said. A final price has not yet been announced.

The Dome is also expected to be a sustainable venue for future ceremonies. According to Phuong, this year's ceremony is being used as something of a trial run. "If we don't like it this year, we can go back to these other options or come up with new options for next year."

Families begin to fill Tenth and Home

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

Last week another one of the projected seven buildings for the Tenth and Home Family Housing Complex was opened to graduate and undergraduate students and their families. This most recent opening brings the occupancy of the 394-apartment complex to around 37 families.

Currently, only two of the seven buildings are open to students. The other five buildings are still under construction.

There have been some setbacks in construction of the apartments such as problems with plans concerning the plumbing going into these new facilities.

The apartments are located next to the Graduate Living Center. The average price for a one-bedroom apartment is \$913 a month and \$1,063 for a two-bedroom apartment.

Utilities and other expenses such as internet, phone, cable TV, electricity, water and appliances are all included.

There are a couple of requirements to keep in mind when applying for one of these apartments. In order to be considered, applicants must be Tech students and have at least one family member that is financially dependent.

There are also requirements concerning the type of apartment

students may occupy. In the case of moving from a one-bedroom apartment to a two-bedroom apartment, a student must have one or two children to apply.

The constraints placed on the marital status of the applicants have come into question as the process of building these apartments has progressed.

Dan Morrison, associate director of Housing for Residence Life, said, "Representatives from the legal departments, health services, counseling and Housing met before the building of these apartments and thought of every possible scenario and how to deal with it."

For some students who may not be married and still need housing on campus, the availability of these units may not be as helpful.

Last semester, the resources for the Department of Housing were stretched as lounges were turned into rooms for four students. Even then, there was a waiting list for available housing options.

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"It was a little nerve-racking at times, but the Housing Department is real nice and they do all they can to help you," said Nate Hensley, first-year Material Science and Engineering major.

Hensley was on the waiting list from the middle of Fall 2004 and finally got an assignment in Perry

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Nate Hensley
First-year MSE major

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New HOPE checkpoint added at end of spring semesters

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the year, have a somewhat unfair advantage due to the 30 hour rule.

Under the old system, these students would not be checked, and they would get an extra semester's worth of HOPE funds.

The concept of the new regulation is to eliminate this unfair advantage so that more money can be made available to students who maintain the 3.0 average.

"The only thing that's changing is that we're giving freshmen a year instead of a year and a half to do what they need to do," Mons said.

Students seem to be taking the changes without much reaction.

According to Mons, there haven't been any outraged complaints from the student body.

Considering the alternatives of either cutting the money for books and tuition or raising the grade requirement, some students shrugged off the new checkpoints.

"It's only going to hurt the people who try to slip through the system... just keep your grades up and you won't have to worry about it," said Warren Keith Smith, a first-year

transfer student and Architecture major.

Mons said that keeping a 3.0 at Tech is no easy achievement.

In this case, raising the grade requirement would only hurt students and encourage them to attend less academically challenging institutions in order to receive aid.

There are other modifications to the program that will make it easier for the state of Georgia to fund more students attending in-state schools.

Such modifications include applying HOPE funds to high school programs such as Joint Enrollment.

There have also been changes in how attempted hours are calculated. If students sign up for a class with the intention of possibly dropping that course, even those dropped hours

will count toward the hourly checkpoints.

The scenario has come up where students will sign up for 21 credit hours with the intention of dropping a few courses before the drop/fail deadline.

While this may not hurt students' averages, it only decreases the

time to pull their grade up to a 3.0 if necessary. Mons said that students should communicate with their academic advisors in order to prevent cases where dropping courses is necessary and to prevent any other problems.

While students can lose the scholarship at the new spring semester checkpoint in addition to the old 30, 60 and 90 checks, the only points at which a student can regain the scholarship remain the original 30, 60 and 90 credit hour checkpoints.

Funds

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Ramblin' Night to help pay for bus transportation.

"When students have had a large event, they've known to come for money," Meyers said.

With the publication of an official set of guidelines on how to apply for BuzzFunds, Auxiliary Services has been working to expand the level of awareness on campus of the availability of these funds. "With the publishing of the formal guidelines, I think it is getting more attention."

Meyers was wary of putting a dollar value on the amount of funds that are available, due to the funds' dependence on sales of Tech merchandise, and the varying nature of Tech's consumer base. However, she put the yearly dollar amount available, after accounting for the IMPACT Scholarships and the Emerging Leaders Program, at roughly \$25,000. "That's a nice healthy amount," Meyers said.

Criteria for the allocation of BuzzFunds, which have been some-

what vague in the years before, are now spelled out in new guidelines, available on the web at www.importantstuff.gatech.edu.

Eligibility criteria for organizations, the allocation process and timeline are also clarified in the document. The guidelines specify

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Rosalind Meyers

Associate VP, Aux. Services

that the funding is for "major projects," and while actual numbers are now detailed, the precedents set by previous programs and events necessitates that future programs and events funded should be of a large scope, involving or benefiting a large portion of Tech's population.

Meyers also stressed that the funds "cannot take the place of

regular sources of funding...it's an enhancement." It is also not meant for "routine programming, but for special things that happen...and that reach a large number of students on campus."

So far this year, no new organizations have submitted requests for funding, though repeat requests have been made and granted. Meyers warns that organizations should not depend on BuzzFunds for funding, and having alternate funding sources is one of the criteria considered for applicants. "As you know, the more obligations [to fund organizations] you have, the less discretion you have for funding new things."

Applications must be submitted to Meyers at least one month before the event is to take place, and must include details of program's budget and the expected impact on the community. Applications are reviewed by the Auxiliary Services Communications Marketing Team, and the final determination is made by Meyers.

Programs and events must be in "good taste" and fundraisers will not be considered.

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when Spring semester began.

With the availability of these new family housing units, students might believe that the Department of Housing could make an exception for those who have been on the waiting list.

According to Morrison, the anticipated population for these apartments is generally graduate students going to Tech for the first time, many of which are possibly international students.

Transportation was also one of the reasons why these apartments were constructed where they were.

Some students coming to Atlanta for the first time might not have easy access to personal automobiles.

Some specialties are made avail-

able to these student families as well, such as day care services, spouse and family counseling and, transportation. The occupants' monthly fees cover the expenses of each of these

"We want to make the family housing units available to anyone who wants to live there."

Dan Morrison

Assoc. Dir. Housing

servcies.

Not all types of families can gain access to these facilities quite yet, though. Same-sex couples as well

as heterosexual couples that aren't married aren't allowed to move into the family complex.

Because Tech is a public school, it must define marriage in the same way that the state government has decided to define marriage, which in the state of Georgia is only between a man and a woman.

As an alternative, same-sex couples could apply for a normal apartment and request each other as roommates.

This is a situation that, according to Morrison, the Department of Housing is working on.

"We want to make the family housing units available to anyone who wants to live there," Morrison said.

The Department of Housing is dealing with these special circumstances one case at a time.

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"Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory."
 —Albert Schweitzer

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Rock the Dome

Due to the record size of this year's graduating class, the undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies will be held together at the Georgia Dome instead of at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Before reaching its decision, the administration had considered holding separate undergraduate ceremonies by college, allocating a set number of tickets to students and moving it to Grant Field. Based on the possible options, it is clear that the administration has come to the best decision for students and their families.

While some may be disappointed about not being able to graduate in the same venue in which their Freshman Convocation was held, the move was necessary in order to accommodate all students and their families. The Coliseum had simply reached capacity at past ceremonies. A ticketing system would have been unfair to students with large families. Additionally, the administration was wise to decide to pay more money to hold the ceremony in an enclosed facility than to have it outdoors at Grant Field. An outdoor commencement would have faced the potential for rain or for hot, uncomfortable weather.

By having it at the Dome, undergraduates and graduates will have a chance to shake President Clough's hand in front of the entire Tech community, not just their individual college.

Extreme makeover

Instead of resting on their laurels after the incredibly successful Library West Commons project, library administrators have decided to take even more measures to improve the studying environment.

The plans include renovating the first floor of the library to include a cafe that will sell coffee and other refreshments, replacing tables and chairs with furniture that will be more conducive to group study sessions, and adding a lecture series on faculty research projects geared towards students.

Since the new initiatives will have a direct, immediate, positive impact on students, the Institute should lend the effort its full support by providing the library with whatever funding is necessary to complete the project. A cafe, preferably open 24-7 or at least late-night, would be a big hit with students studying in the library and also in the nearby Van Leer and Architecture buildings. The library should model its design after the popular study cafes at nearby Barnes & Noble and Border's.

We applaud the library's efforts to help students and its use of student focus group input throughout the entire planning process and hope that the project will be completed as soon as possible.

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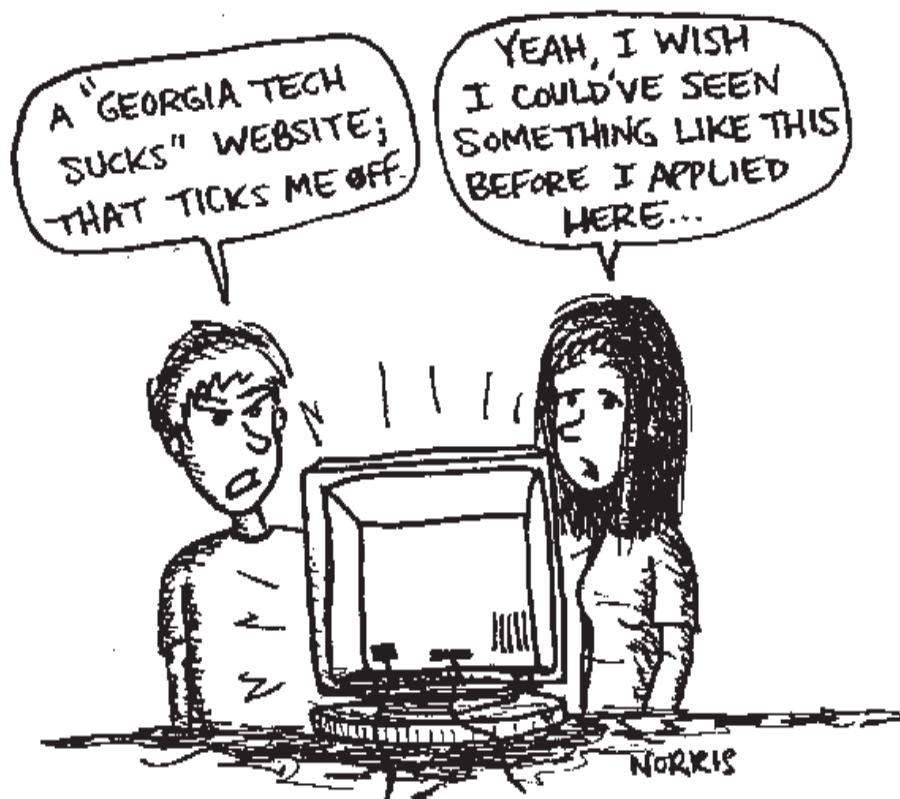
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By Erin Gatlin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Coliseum needs restructuring

"Middle section, start a cheer, you're at Cameron Indoor Stadium!" The middle had not started a cheer for a long time, maybe even an entire minute, and the vocal leader of the section to the left was ready for the volume to kick up a notch.

Last Saturday, I found myself separated from the Cameron Crazies, the most publicized basketball fans in America, by the back of a chair, literally. The Crazies are loud, but they are also clever; they often seem to find a way into opponents' heads before the game even begins and give Duke one of the greatest home court advantages in all of sports.

This year I've had the chance to see some of the greatest venues and crowds that college basketball has to offer. I started off the season with a trip to Indiana University for "Midnight Madness," the first practice of the year.

After reading that I went to Indiana for a basketball practice, you may think I'm crazy, which is probably true. But just to clarify, the first practice of the season was not the primary reason for my adventure.

But I digress. I showed up at this first practice and found Assembly Hall completely filled, with a majority of the population stemming from the student body.

And they weren't just sitting around because there's nothing better to do on a Friday night in Indiana (well, there's not, but this is not my point); they were informed about their Hoosiers and also loud. This is for a team that lost more games than it won last season.

In addition to visiting Cameron Indoor Stadium and Assembly Hall, I also ventured to Allen Fieldhouse to watch the Jackets take on Kansas on New Year's Day.

A lot has been said about Duke's fans, and they may have the best student section in America, but when it comes to judging an entire crowd, I could not imagine a group better



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Kyle Thomason
 Sports Editor

than the Jayhawk faithful.

It isn't just the massive student section that gets into the game, it's everyone in the building. Just imagine a high school gym with old wooden bleachers. That's pretty much the setup, but there are enough bleachers to fit 17,000 fans that stand and scream when anything happens.

You're probably curious about what exactly this has to do with Tech. Well, I've been to a few Tech home games this year as well, and the Jackets' fans do give the team a great advantage at home. But they also have a chance to take Tech's basketball program to the next level.

When a list of adjectives is produced to describe the fans at Indiana, Kansas or Duke, the word "fair-weather" is not included. Unfortunately, Tech fans still have to deal with this description.

It takes time to build a great atmosphere because consistency is at the top of the list of what it takes to be a great crowd. With the recent success and enthusiasm that Tech hoops has produced, now is the time to start building the foundation.

The biggest question is, "How does Tech reach that level?" I'm not sure if I have the answer. When I look at the schools I've visited this year, Tech has the most in common with Duke.

Tech does not have enough students on campus or a large enough arena to be overwhelming in volume like Kansas, but Cameron Indoor

Stadium has roughly the same capacity as Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

The difference is that Duke uses its capacity quite differently. The Devils' students are front and center, lining the court and constantly assaulting opponents with clever rhetoric. Duke has recognized that college basketball is about the students, not the revenue.

By creating such an incredible atmosphere, nearly every Duke game finds its way to a large television audience, and a steady stream of All-Americans keeps finding their way to Durham.

With these attributes, Duke is a competitor on the national scene nearly every year and has little problem recovering from a downturn. So in a way, the revenue takes care of itself.

Tech has been receptive to getting students closer and more involved in the past. The presence of the Swarm directly behind the basket is an example, but putting all of the students closer to the game would be a great way to make Tech basketball even better, if the students are willing to hold their end of the deal and dispose of the "fair-weather" moniker.

The alumni and other supporters lining the court are terrific supporters of Tech, but students are the heart and soul of the Institute. They deserve the best seats in the house and the chance to turn what is often a very good basketball environment into a consistently great place to play.

Singles: Valentine's Day is your day, too

Ah, Valentine's Day: that time of year when we express our deepest affection to our beloved with flowers, chocolate, balloons, stuffed animals, candlelight dinners, lingerie and a few other gifts too risqué to mention, even in this newspaper. All of which makes for a wonderful holiday...if you happen to be in a relationship.

But for the rest of us, myself included, we'll be spending yet another February out in the cold, watching the happy couples strolling by and heading back to our apartments with only our homework to keep us company. It seems like a grave injustice that a holiday that means wonderful romantic interludes for some only serves to highlight loneliness for the rest of us.

So I have a proposal to all you single readers out there: stop thinking of Valentine's Day as an occasion reserved only for people in romantic relationships and treat it as a celebration of widespread love. Parents, siblings, friends, teachers—all the members of the proverbial "village" that helped raise you—would certainly appreciate a token of your affection and celebrating the holiday with them might be a fantastic gift.

Friendships, especially at Tech, are difficult to build and even more difficult to maintain, because we're all so busy that our



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Joshua Cuneo
Online Editor

social lives often get pushed to the side. The unpredictability of a student's daily routine often makes it impossible to plan social get-togethers more than a few days in advance, and even those fall through when students run smack into a last-minute deadline or an unexpected workload.

Unfortunately, that's the sort of thing that can strain and eventually ruin friendships. What good are friends whom you only get to see when you pass by them on Skiles between classes? If you find yourself so burdened with academic and extracurricular commitments that your social life suffers considerably, then it's time to re-examine your priorities.

Without sounding preachy, I mean to say that cultivating good friendships takes considerable time and energy. It's important to make a regular effort—send them an instant message, call them up or invite them out. If you're not willing to invest plenty of time

into your friends, be prepared to lose them.

So if you're single, this Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to remind all of your other single friends that you still care about them. Call them up and arrange to cook a meal or watch a movie this weekend. Throw a small impromptu singles party. Gather all your single friends together and plan a night out on the town to celebrate the single life, and you'll have just as much of a blast as all the couples wining and dining around you.

After all, I think we can all agree that being single does have its advantages. We don't have the responsibilities of a committed relationship that we have to try to balance with our other activities, and we don't have the additional emotional stress to complicate our busy lives. We can flirt and play with whomever we choose without worrying about whether we might be hurting an existing

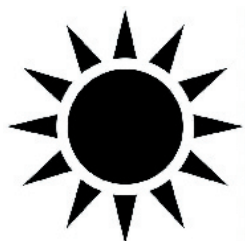
relationship. It has its upsides, so why not celebrate them? If you have friends who have just ended a long-term relationship, this might be an excellent way to remind them that it's not all bad.

This is also a good time to go out and meet new people or introduce your current friends to one another. Students at Tech, once they've established a routine and committed themselves to certain activities, often lead a stagnant social life within their circles of friends. Here's an opportunity to invite others into those circles, and who knows? You may end up playing matchmaker or even meet the right person yourself, and this will be your last Valentine's Day alone.

My point is, all you singles out there ought to snub your noses at the idea that Valentine's Day is a couples-only holiday. We don't all have significant others—either by accident or design—but most of us do have close-knit relationships with friends nearby. Being single means we won't be enjoying the luxuries of pulling our sweetheart close and whispering sweet nothings into his or her ear, but being single means we can get together and party and hang loose until the sun comes up. And if that's not a cool way to spend a holiday, I don't know what is.

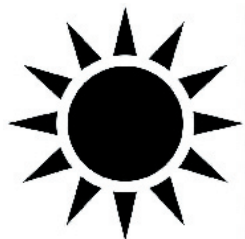
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Welcome back boys!

Just when the Jackets' appeared to be in a downward spiral after losses to a few unmentionable ACC rivals, B.J. Elder and Jeremis Smith returned to help the team slay the Tigers. Together, the two helped Tech earn its first road ACC win of the season. Now, with everyone healthy for the first time all season, the future is looking brighter. The Wolfpack should watch its back this weekend.



Super Sallinger

Having already broken into Tech's record books, softball pitcher Jessica Sallinger has now set the ACC record for career strikeouts with 1,046 altogether. Sallinger set the record against Georgia Southern. With the season just starting, there's no telling how many new records the senior pitcher will set.



Campus directories

When everything on this campus, including the course schedules, is electronic, why on earth do we pay to print hundreds of useless campus directories, wasting valuable resources? With the demise of paper OSCARs, it's absurd to have unused stacks of directories. The directories become outdated too quickly. If we need to look someone up, we all know how to use www.gatech.edu/directories.



A call to arms

Instead of raising the arms to the Student Center parking deck after hours for permitholders, the Parking Department has chosen to keep the arms down and not advertise the option to students widely. We recommend the arms go up at the end of the day, and that informational signs be put up at entrances.

Free tuition is answer

By Jeff Fullmer
Daily Utah Chronicle

(UWIRE) University of Utah—I think America has gone to great lengths in assisting the poor within our society, but we haven't gone far enough. Welfare checks, food stamps, etc., aren't the way to go.

This simply entrenches the welfare ideology. It doesn't end the cycle of poverty.

Opportunity welfare, such as Pell Grants and Small Business Association loans (which do not simply give people checks) will encourage kids to get a college education. Investing in the educational system is a sound investment.

Poverty often occurs in cycles, and the only way to truly break the cycle is to earn an education. Unfortunately, many poor people in America don't have adequate opportunities to get college educations. A 60-hour work week at minimum wage only makes roughly \$15,000 a year—barely

enough to support a student, let alone a family. It is surely not enough to go to college. Many people from poorer families go to work right after high school. Even those who did well in high school don't always qualify for scholarships. The federal Pell Grant isn't sufficient. The most anyone can get from the Pell Grant is \$2,025 per semester. That much doesn't even cover tuition at many schools, let alone living expenses. The solution to America's poverty should include, but not be limited to, free tuition for state colleges. How long will the cries of the American poor go unheard?

Those willing to help are constrained by an unjust social system. We do have food kitchens and homeless shelters, but once a person leaves and enters the real world they're still poor. We can give the poor welfare checks but until we provide them with a college education, the cycle will continue. Something has to give.

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Around the Campus

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



Joel Miller
CS Fifth-year

"Going to my fraternity's conclave at Chapel Hill."



Priyanka Ray
Applied Math Freshman

"Movies with my Facebook wife, Nicole."



Brandon Johnson
EE Fourth-year

"Studying."



Katie Bell
BIOL Freshman

"Dinner and exchanging gifts that I spent too much money on."

Photos by Matt Bishop

Television’s legitimate offenses go unnoticed

By Sara Libby
Daily Trojan

(U-WIRE) University of Southern California—A year after Janet Jackson’s breast stole the Super Bowl’s spotlight, the effort to keep all of the game’s coverage as mundane and noncontroversial as possible was achieved.

Jackson was replaced with a sing-along for the elderly in the form of Paul McCartney’s performance. The commercials, in stark contrast to last year’s flatulent horse, consistently took the conservative route. Visa enlisted the help of some cartoon superheroes for their ad spots, while Pizza Hut employed the Muppets. Not quite the edgiest of choices.

Indeed, the commercials with the potential to cause even the slightest of stirs were pulled before they ever made it on air.

Among the commercials that didn’t make it into the final lineup were an herbal cold remedy ad featuring three seconds of Mickey Rooney’s bare butt; an ad for Ford in which a member of the clergy, after finding a set of keys in the church collection plate, is shown caressing the interior of a Lincoln Mark LT truck; and, of course, an Anheuser-Busch spot that parodied Jackson’s storied “wardrobe malfunction.”

While I do not necessarily have a pressing urge to see Mickey Rooney’s backside, the refusal to allow it into a

commercial makes me question why people are up in arms over it, and more importantly, why any of these whistle blowers aren’t upset over the countless number of commercials that actually are offensive.

I’m not just talking about the obvious—beer commercials or ad spots for horrific shows such as “Who’s Your Daddy?” or “Sports Illustrated: Swimsuit Model Search.”

Rather, the most demeaning commercials are the ones that, without flashing breasts or butts, manage to perpetuate disgusting stereotypes of women while remaining subtle enough to escape scrutiny. Another commercial that advertises Twix candy bars reduces a woman to that one phrase that Americans can’t seem to get out of their heads: “Do these pants make me look fat?” The woman parades her enormous butt in front of her husband, who has to stuff his mouth with more candy to avoid telling her the obvious truth.

Yet, the advocates who wouldn’t dare let Mickey Rooney’s butt be seen for all of three seconds have yet to bat an eye in Twix’s direction. Would it be that out of the question for these companies to actually play up their products instead of insulting women for no apparent reason?

I guess in the world of modern commercials, where shock value and shameless attempts at humor outweigh the importance of selling the product, it would be.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Stand up against basketball apathy

This week, I am taking a break from the usual science theme of my column to write about something else I love: Georgia Tech basketball. This past week of play has certainly seen ups and downs for our Jackets. Coming off of this past weekend’s loss at Duke, I’m sure some fans and players alike were feeling discouraged. But after our first on-the-road conference win and the return of both B.J. Elder and Jeremis Smith, Georgia Tech fans can take heart.

This is a critical point in the season: we still have two difficult home games against N.C. State and Duke and several away games. And we can’t afford to lose any of them. The players’ performance is of course ultimately up to the coaches and the players themselves, but as fans we can and must show them all the support possible. When N.C. State comes to town this Sunday, let’s be out there in full force.

One of the biggest problems that I, and other rabid fans have is the seeming apathy of many Georgia Tech fans. It has been an admittedly frustrating season plagued with injury and inconsistency for the team, but that is no reason for fans to be any less supportive. Basically, there are three sins that fans at home games commit: sitting for the entire game (alumni: I’m looking at you); not cheering or yelling, especially at critical moments in the game; and not wearing Tech colors.

Now, let’s take these one at a time. It’s really frustrating to the



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Andrea Thompson
Columnist

students who come and stand during the whole game to look over at the alumni or non-student sections and see the majority of the people sitting for the whole game. I’m not really expecting that the whole alumni section is going to stand for the whole game, but it’s not an unreasonable expectation for big plays and key moments in the game.

The problems with cheering boil down to the fact that we have to be *loud*, for the *whole* game. We’re the fans of an ACC basketball team for heaven’s sake. This is again mainly a problem in non-student sections, but there are a few students who aren’t pulling their weight. We need to be as good as we were against Wake Forest; we were loud for most of the game and especially at key defensive moments. When the team hears that kind of energy from the crowd, it gets them pumped up and excited, and that’s how we want them to play.

Lastly, it is really annoying to see Tech fans showing up to games wearing green or pink or some other non-Tech color. It would be particularly awesome to see everyone

wearing Old Gold, but sadly Tech fans are notoriously uncoordinated in terms of the shades of yellow we wear. (It would help if the school would pick a color to use and stick to it.) But it would at least be cool to see everyone wear some shade of yellow—it would still be a great statement and look much better on TV. And at the *very* least, fans should be wearing something signifying that they are a Tech fan. And as a side note to all of you people who show to the games all dressed up: no one cares if you look good or not. It’s a basketball game, not a fashion show.

Frankly, there are a lot of changes I would like to see at Alexander Memorial. I really think we should have a set-up more like Duke has (as much as I hate Duke). The Swarm is great, but even Clemson does that. And if we can’t trump Clemson, then that’s just sad.

But for the time being, let’s just make sure that we show the team that we’re behind them all the way. So when you come to the game on Sunday, stand up, be loud and wear yellow. Goooo Jackets!

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WELCOME FRESHMEN

Signing Day came and went last week, and now Tech's football team is 19 freshmen richer. Check out the new recruits. **Page 29**

CANDY HEARTS ASIDE...

Thinking about asking President Clough to be your valentine? Find out what plans he and others have for V-Day. **Page 14**



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Q&A WITH FORD GREENE

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

One of the three black students who integrated Tech on Sept. 18, 1961, Ford Greene grew up in Atlanta, the son of an elementary school principal and a professor at Morris Brown College.

After leaving Tech during his sophomore year, he transferred to Morgan State University in Maryland, graduating with a degree in computer science. He spent the next 27 years with IBM, mostly working abroad in Europe and South America.

Greene currently lives in New York, where he serves as a consultant for Frontier Telephone of Rochester, a company of which he was formerly president, and also does technology consulting for a venture capital firm. He recently spoke to the 'Nique over the phone about his Tech experience.

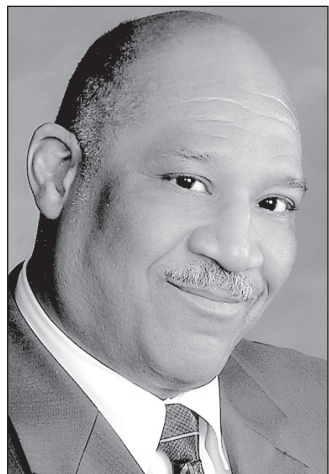
How did you end up coming to Tech? We came from the same

high school...267 of us applied to Georgia Tech, and initially I was selected. I have to tell you that I was an overachiever...I was valedictorian of my class, had a 4.0+, had the highest math SAT, was president of the honor society, played in the concert band, played football, tennis and ran track.

Were you excited, or apprehensive, when all of this was going on? I was excited because I had always loved math and science and engineering, and [Tech] was the best school, certainly one of the top three in the country at the time in those disciplines. But at the same time, I was obviously apprehensive, primarily based on the history with the University of Georgia.

Was your family worried? To some extent. But...the first thing that happened was that the president called a meeting of all the

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"[The professor] chastised the rest of the class for allowing me to make the highest score on the test—I guess it really offended him."

Ford Greene
One of the first blacks to integrate campus

Library plans for upgrade

First floor to see more study space and computers, cafe



By Michael Kraus / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Library administrators are currently discussing plans for renovating the library's first floor. Other initiatives are also in the works, such as a faculty lectures series beginning at the end of this month.

By Michael Handelman
Staff Writer

Seeking to continue the success of the Library West Commons project, administrators at the Tech library are embarking on a set of initiatives to improve its facilities and focus the library as the center for interdisciplinary intellectual activity on campus.

These initiatives include a renovation of the west wing on the first floor, as well as a new library lecture series that will begin at the end of the month.

The idea for the lecture series

originated from library staff members who wanted to increase the student accessibility of faculty research projects on campus.

"We want to make [the research] understandable to the average person," said librarian Cathy Carpenter.

"There is a need for a public forum—someone should be promoting and disseminating research findings across campus...we are the proper venue," Carpenter said.

Library officials are optimistic that the lecture series will promote increased communication and dialog between faculty members in different

departments.

"People that are doing research in certain discipline areas aren't aware that other people on campus in other places...actually have something that can work together on, and there is an opportunity for synergy," said Rich Meyer, dean of libraries.

We want to be able to provide tools that facilitate that...and the speakers series is one of those tools," he said.

Dr. Stephen Potter, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, will be the speaker at the first lecture

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For gay couples, a Valentine's Day like any other

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

Despite the skewed gender ratio, it's not uncommon to see couples strolling down Skiles arm in arm, especially at

this time of year.

With such a diverse student body, Tech plays host to a variety of couples: some between different races, some between students several years apart in age—and some between members

of the same sex.

For Valentine's Day, the Technique sat down with three different gay couples to hear their stories and learn what it's like to be in such a relationship at Tech.

Hai Nguyen & Jason Taylor

Many couples have to deal with the reality of long-distance relationships. In the case of Hai Nguyen, a third-year Computer Science major, his boyfriend Jason Taylor, a fall 2003 graduate in Mechanical Engineering, has a career as a software consultant that keeps him away from Atlanta for weeks at a time.

"Our time together is so precious, we've just gotta make the most of it, which requires sacrifices on both of our parts," Taylor said.

"I try to do all my assignments before he comes back into town," Nguyen said.

When they are together, the two hang out, watch movies, cook and occasionally go clubbing. They also have a fondness for working

on cars.

"Sometimes I hang out with him when he goes to his office...and I'm actually planning on dragging him to some of my classes on Tuesday," Nguyen said.

Nguyen has already made plans to join Taylor on his work assignment in San Francisco over spring break.

Nguyen and Taylor only started dating last summer, although they met while both were still students

"We'll probably... just have a romantic evening with dinner and...a movie."

Jason Taylor
Recent ME graduate

on campus.

"I think the first time we met was actually at a bookstore," Taylor said. "[I met Nguyen] just through friends of friends."

Because of Taylor's short stay in town before he returns to work in

San Francisco, the two plan to take full advantage of the Valentine's Day holiday.

"We'll probably...just have a romantic evening with dinner and go back, relax, watch a movie," Taylor said. "Just spend[ing] time together is the most important thing."

Brian Rutland & MacField Young

Brian Rutland, a second-year Chemical Engineering major, and MacField Young, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major, have been dating steadily since they met at a post-GTCOW party last fall.

"We...just started talking about languages, talking about culture, and then [it] just went on from there," Young said.

Rutland and Young hit it off in part due to a sharing of common interests—particularly languages—that gives them plenty to do and discuss when they're together.

"Sometimes we just like just sit

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Q&A

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faculty and staff and made it perfectly clear that he would not tolerate any events that resembled the University of Georgia debacle. He pretty much laid down the law.

The other thing that got my parents—and me—comfortable was that Dean Dull [then the dean of students] arranged a series of family dinners...I think [this] was probably very instrumental in diffusing any potential problems, and I know that made my parents much more comfortable.

Did you get to know Ralph Long and Lawrence Williams very well? Ralph Long and I had been classmates forever. Lawrence Williams went to a rival high school. Dean Dull...felt that being alone was not a good idea for several reasons; he felt I needed someone to kind of tag along with, go to class with, and more importantly, study with.

We all lived at home. Ralph Long had a Renault... and he would pick me and Lawrence up, and we all three would come to campus in his little French car.

What were some other experiences you remember? One thing that sticks out in my mind is my algebra class first quarter. We had a test after the first week, and when the professor came in the day after the test, he was crying. We thought he had had a death in the family, but he chastised the rest of the class for allowing me to make the highest score on the test—I guess it really offended him. That was about as overt an act that showed that there was some resentment. But other than that, people either left us alone or befriended us.

Was there a sense of isolation? With the large number of people, the number of people who truly befriended us was small...one of the things that

helped me was that I tried out for and successfully made the [ROTC] drill team. So they embraced me, and ROTC was probably the place where I had the greatest successes.

You left when the institution refused to let you play on the football team... Or anything else, for that matter. The track coach, Joe Claxico—at the time we attended, the SEC record in the 100-yard dash was 10.6 seconds. In my gym class, I was repeatedly running 10.0...and that was fooling around. So Coach Claxico was very interested in me running track, if nothing else. But not only would they not let us play football, but they also wouldn't let me run track.

“I just visit campus and marvel at how far it's come in 40 years.”

Ford Greene

One of the first blacks to integrate Tech

Even though the coach wanted you to be on the team? Yeah—he saw dreams of conference championships. I think, in fact, he was more disappointed and hurt than I was.

What did you major in at Tech? I mistakenly majored in ChemE. But I'm a big proponent of the co-op system, because not only does it prepare you for your career, but in my case, it taught me that I needed to change majors.

How often do you visit? Probably once a year. My sister and nephew live in Atlanta, so I come to visit, and whenever I come I still try to get on campus. So you've seen the campus change over the years. Oh, absolutely.

We were there in 1991, which was the 30th anniversary, and I gave a brief speech. Then we were there once again in 2001 and had some seminars. Those were the only formal activities, but other than that I just visit campus and marvel at how far it's come in 40 years.

Do you have any words of wisdom for African American students? Well, it wasn't the most pleasant experience, but it wasn't the worst one that I've had, either. You mean enrolling at Tech? Yes, I got drafted and sent to Vietnam, so that was the probably the worst one, but...[Tech] prepared me, I think, for my integration into the majority of society. I still have some great friends, like one guy that was a great protector of mine, Chick Granning—that's a whole story in and of itself; he was a big man on campus, football star.

When you grow up in a predominantly African-American community, and you're trying to set forth on a career where it is truly multicultural, I think the Georgia Tech experience really did prepare me for the success that I had at IBM in particular.

I would encourage African-American students to avail themselves of getting to know as many people, and as many different *kinds* of people, as possible. It really enriches your life and makes you a better person. The same is true for everyone else who is there—I know Georgia Tech now is so multicultural that, you know, it's like the United Nations.

Can you tell me the story about Chick? The only reason I bring Chick up is that of all the people who did befriend me, and all the people who acted as a protector occasionally, Chick, who was from Mississippi, was the most consistent and the most forceful defender. And during the '60s, coming from Mississippi, it was the last thing you'd expect. But he was absolutely just a great guy.



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A Techie's gotta eat

Cooking? That's a whole 'nother story

By Swathy Prithivi
Contributing Writer

To cook, or not to cook? That is one of the eternal dilemmas faced by Tech students every day. Confronted with a wide variety of options—meal plans, on-campus restaurants, cooking, ordering in, takeout, vending machines—how does the average student decide what to do about, well, feeding himself?

We set out to find the rationale behind meal plan addicts, professional chefs...and everyone else in between.

For many students, the convenience of meal plans remains the way to go, despite the quality of the food.

Ugochukwu Ezeamuzie, a second-year Management major, said,

“I use meal plans because I paid for the food, and unfortunately have to eat there.”

“A meal plan is more convenient, but I guess a cafeteria meal sucks and...you pay almost six dollars for a meal,” said Leslie George, a fourth-year Electrical Engineering major.

Cooking can be expensive, too, said Charles Brewer, an International Affairs graduate student. “A meal plan to me is cheaper than cooking,” he said.

Brewer said he's tried cooking, but just doesn't rely on it. “One or two weeks last semester...I tried to purchase all my food and cook it, but there seemed to be no way I could do it cheaper than the dining

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in the series, will provide a lecture on "Hybros: Living Neuronal Networks" on Feb. 22.

Potter views his lecture at the library as an opportunity to present his research outside his school.

"Reaching out to lay people or to other scientists not in the field is important to me," he said.

Potter also hoped the upcoming lecture might serve as a recruiting tool for his field, "as a way to get undergrad researchers into the lab," he said. "If some students come [to the lecture] and get excited about it, they might find a job doing research."

Both Potter and the library emphasize accessibility as an important part of the lecture series.

"The key thing is to make sure that you use a lot of metaphors and explain things in terms of things that people have experience with," Potter said of presenting research.

The library also hopes that the lecture series will provide additional opportunities for professors, especially in the area of tenure.

"We are getting enthusiasm from researchers that are thrilled about coming over here to present," said lecture organizer Laurie Judd. "I'm going to assist professors, and I think that it benefits them because they can put it on their vita when they are trying to get tenured."

According to Meyer, the lecture talks were presaged by a recognition that the library had

to continue innovating to create student-friendly resources such as the Library West Commons.

"The building has changed profoundly...after we opened the LWC, our door count doubled, and it has stayed at that level," Meyer said. "That was a message to us that there was something in the past that was missing and was now available."

A longer-term project is also in the works: the library has proposed additional renovations to the first floor of the building.

According to Crit Stuart, assistant director of Information Services, discussion on further renovations were catalyzed by feedback received from student

"I think they've been open to student ideas."

Paul Supawanich
Student rep, Library
Advisory Council

focus groups.

"[The focus groups] told us that most of them would prefer to come here, because we feel like the appropriate ground for people to converge and people to learn together," Stuart said.

The library has also detailed short-term plans for physical improvements to the building. These include replacing the tables and chairs on first floor west with furniture to encourage group study and social interaction.

The first floor computer cluster will also be expanded from its

current size of 25 computers to a total of 35.

Another popular request among the focus group participants was that the library needed some sort of refreshment area, so a small cafe will also be located on the first floor that will sell coffee and other refreshments.

Library officials anticipate the remodeling of the first floor to include more group space will be accomplished by October 2005, with the cafe to be built soon after.

Student response to the proposed changes has been positive.

"I really think that the environment of the library is going to change...I think that students will begin to take that space more towards the feel of the student center commons," said Paul Supawanich, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major and a student representative on the Library Student Advisory Council.

Supawanich also praised the library's willingness to hear student feedback on the proposed projects.

"I think that they've been open to student ideas...from the impression I got, there has been a real shift in their thinking in how they want student input," he said.

Overall, Meyer feels that the library will continue to serve as the primary information resource on campus. "We hope that what we can do is substantiate the internet by providing ways for people to be cleanly and clearly linked to the other information resources that are available...it is not an easy task," he said.

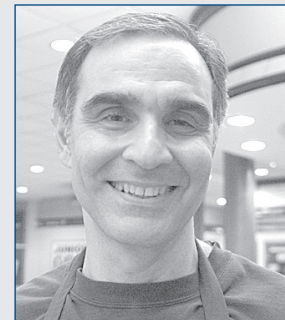
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, FROM TECH TO YOU



Some of our favorite campus faces tell us what they're doing for Valentine's Day

G. Wayne Clough, Institute President

"The good news is that I bought all of my valentines early this year, so I am ready. As for me personally, I have to work!"



Tommy Klemis, owner, Junior's Grill

"My plans are to give mass quantities of candy at Junior's Grill to as many people...with a sweet tooth that come by and eat with us. But other than that, I do have plans with my wife to go out to eat at one of our favorite Italian restaurants. And we'll see what happens there!"



Bob McMath, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs

"First I'll send roses to Linda at her office. (Don't anybody spill the beans, it's a surprise!) Then we'll go to dinner at our favorite restaurant, Babette's in Virginia-Highland. It's a quiet little place where the waitstaff and chef/owner know us well. We often go there for special events, and this one will be very special."



Gail DiSabatino, Dean of Students

"For Christmas this year, the SGA Execs got together and gave me a very nice Buckhead Life gift certificate. Between the holidays and other things, I haven't had a chance to use it. I think I'll surprise my husband with a dinner out...Since he reminded me that I was out of town last Valentine's Day, this will definitely be appreciated."

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For gay couples, V-Day still means chocolates, time with loved ones

V-Day

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and practice," Rutland said. "He speaks a lot better Portuguese and German than I do, and I'm going to make him learn French, just because French is cooler than either of the other two."

"I don't think so," Young replied, turning to Rutland.

"Well, that's because you're wrong. Yes, my opinion's more important than yours," Rutland shot back.

"No, its not."

"Is so."

Aside from their love for argument, the couple also enjoys movies and cooking, both for themselves and for their friends.

Regardless of their sexual orientation, Rutland and Young face the same complications as most couples at Tech: namely, finding the time to squeeze their relationship in between their classes and extracurricular commitments.

"We try not to get in the way of the schoolwork, but when we do have free time, we make sure we take advantage of it and spend it together," Young said.

The couple has been talking about plans for Valentine's Day to celebrate their newfound relationship, including a night out and a potluck dinner

with some friends.

"It's the first Valentine's Day that I've actually been in a relationship... and so I do want to do something," Young said. "It's a day to express your love for someone."

"Chocolates are never a bad thing—and at Valentine's Day you can get some pretty good ones, 'cause stores stock them," Rutland said. "So hint hint."

"He's subtle, isn't he?" Young said.

Keith Manning & Justin Wong

Unlike Taylor and Nguyen, Justin Wong, a fall 2004 graduate in Psychology, and Keith Manning, a fourth-year Computer Science major, have a relationship where they see each other every day. The two have been living together for the last two years.

"Basically, [we're together at] every single meal except for breakfast," Wong said. The rest of the time, "We just try to see each other whenever."

Their relationship dates back to Manning's freshman year, when the two met at a Pride Alliance party.

Their mutual activities tend to revolve around eating and sleeping, they said. "We're barrels of fun like that," Wong laughed. "We're too poor to enjoy the finer things in life, [but] we hang out with our friends... and play Smash."

As for Valentine's Day plans, Wong and Manning said they haven't made any yet. Wong is busy preparing for his psychological exam to become a Public Safety

Officer with the Georgia Tech Police Department.

"If I get that, then I've basically got the job...[and] then we're going to be doing lots and lots of drinking," he laughed. "Wow, my life is defective."

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Unlike straight couples, gay couples often face the potential problem of being criticized for their relationship. Nevertheless, each

that how the campus reacts to their relationship depends on how the two of them behave in public.

"We're not in your face about it," Young said. "I mean, we walk down the street holding hands. We kiss each other goodbye...it's like being in a regular relationship. I would treat [Rutland] as my boyfriend just like I would if I had a girlfriend. Nothing different."

"There are rules about what is socially acceptable in front of other people, and you follow them," Rutland said.

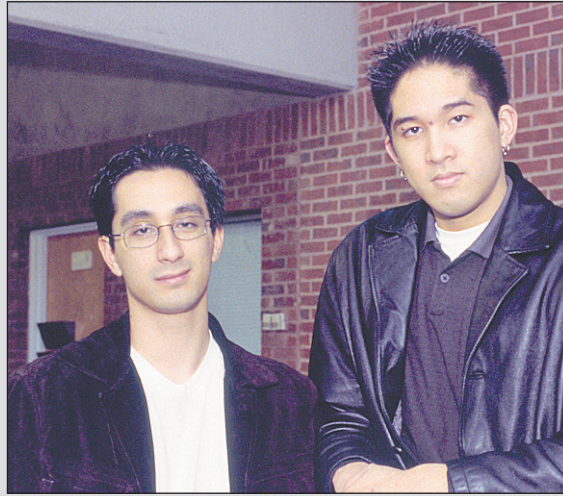
That still doesn't stave off the possibility of conflict, although any reaction of disapproval that the couples did remember came primarily from the public at large rather than the student body in particular.

"We were walking across the bridge to

Technology Square, and we were holding hands, and there [were] all these parents walking [in] the other direction, and we got the ugliest stares," Taylor said.

Nevertheless, the general feeling among each couple is that these fears are unfounded.

"Our relationship isn't any different than a straight relationship, except it's between two guys and how they act and how they are," Young said. "We're normal, I guess. As normal as Tech students can be."



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

couple interviewed said their friends have been very supportive—even if all of their families aren't aware of the relationship yet.

"Bumps in the relationship are smoothed out by our mutual friends," Wong said.

For the rest of campus, they said, it's generally a non-issue.

"I live in Fourth Street Apartments, and everybody on the entire floor is just really cool with it," Nguyen said.

Rutland and Young pointed out

While gay couples may flourish on campus, lesbian couples are much rarer, and are more apt to remain discreet.

Why is this? Katrina Kumm, a first-year Electrical Engineering major, has a theory.

"One, it's because of the ratio. There's just so [many] more guys than girls," Kumm said. "Also, girls are known to be a little more flexible than guys are. Guys are either straight or gay. Girls have more tendencies to be bi[sexual]."

Kumm, whose girlfriend goes to Valley City State University in North Dakota, considers herself to be more comfortable with her sexuality than a lot of women.

"There's actually a term called 'a lesbian until graduation'... which means they come into college and they're very open, and then they graduate and they're straight again," she said. "I think every drunk girl's kissed some other drunk girl at a party, and they didn't really think of it."

Nevertheless, Kumm and her girlfriend face the same complications as any other long-distance relationship.

"[It] sucks to not be able to give her a hug and a kiss," she said.

The couple will celebrate a belated Valentine's Day when Kumm's girlfriend visits Atlanta in March. "Midtown is very gay, and so there's lots of stuff to do," Kumm said. "She's excited about that, 'cause I think she can be out a little more."

Meanwhile, Kumm doesn't expect a negative backlash from the student body, whom she feels has been supportive of her sexuality, for the most part.

"I've had my ups and downs," she said. "Been through my fair share of roommates."

Tech Up Close

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Last week's Tech Up Close:
Olympic plaque outside the
Student Center Commons

Last week's winner:
Michael Kelly

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halls, where the variety of food has increased over the years," he said.

Students on fraternity or sorority meal plans, on the other hand, have few complaints.

Jonathan Reeves, a third-year Mechanical Engineering major, said, "My fraternity has a great cook that cooks us three meals a day, five times a week."

For others, cooking an entire meal is just too time-consuming.

"It is too much of a hassle to cook, especially on East Campus where the dorms don't have a kitchen on every floor," George said.

Ezeamuzie agreed. "I wish I had the time to cook, but I don't," he said.

"It's a lot easier and quicker to walk over to the dining hall and get a meal there," Brewer said.

He also pointed out that eating at the dining halls better suits some students' larger appetites.

"Buying enough food to fill me up is expensive; cooking enough is a chore in itself. For me, pretty much it's not an option," Brewer said.

One of the few students who have discovered hidden culinary abilities during college is Rina Bala-Stewart, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major.

"When I first got to college, I couldn't cook at all," she said. During her freshman year, when she was on a meal plan, Bala-Stewart said she often took spices with her into the dining hall to make the food taste better.

But real inspiration came when

she started dating her present husband.

"His excellent cooking skills inspired me to try my hand at it, and I was shocked to find I was excellent at it. So basically, find a man who can cook and you're set!" she joked.

Barbara Caranto, a fifth-year Industrial Engineering major, said she does miss the convenience of the dining halls, but not much else.

"I make my own culinary creations mainly because it's healthier, and I would like to know what's in my food," Caranto said.

"People make fun of me for my passion for cooking, but I think they're just jealous because they're stuck with plain ramen noodles as opposed to my signature macaroni and cheese casserole."

Kristina Golub, a Chemical Engineering transfer student, came in with a

"People make fun of...my passion for cooking, but I think they're just jealous...[of] my signature macaroni and cheese casserole."

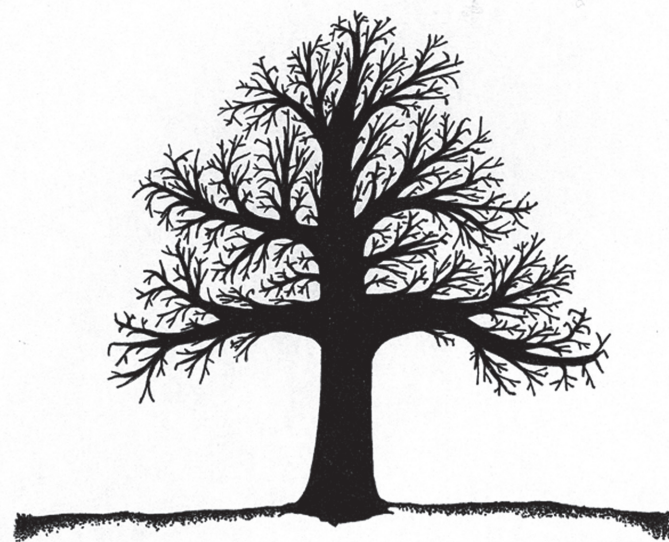
Barbara Caranto
Fifth-year IE major

meal plan but quickly opted out. "I started cooking my own meals only after I came here," she said.

Golub also had some advice for those looking to try their hand at dining hall independence. "The one thing I would warn other amateur chefs is to check the expiration labels on their food products," she said. "I spent an entire evening [thinking] that I had botulism because I used slightly expired food—and you don't want to be doing that when you have a physics exam the next day."

Then there are those who manage to get by without cooking or a meal plan, thanks to canned food.

"I don't cook, I only heat," Karan Chopra, a third-year Electrical Engineering major, said. "The weekly Kroger shuttle saves me."



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INTEGRATING TECH

Integration was about more than calculus when Ford Greene was one of Tech's first African Americans. **Page 11**

OUR GRAMMY PICKS

The entertainment staff at the *Nique* makes its predictions for music's most prestigious awards. **Page 20**

Difranco knuckles down with latest

By Melissa Cataldo
Contributing Writer

Because the "enlightened" individual is supposed to like feminist singer-songwriter-guitarists with liberal politics, I thought listening to Ani Difranco would be more like eating my vegetables than, say, getting swept up doing a line of musical crack-cocaine.

Despite my admiration for earlier female singer-songwriters Joni Mitchell and Tracy Chapman, I failed to ever really get into the '90s Lilith Fair, Sarah McLachlan and Paula Cole scene.

I thought, perhaps mistakenly, that they were a commercialized version of a poor man's Joni Mitchell.

Knuckle Down, Difranco's twenty-third release off her independent Righteous Babe label in the past 15 years, was co-produced with songwriter and performer Joe Henry.

The album still has a pared-down sound, despite the use of string bass, chamberlin, piano, sampler, per-

cussion, violin and glockenspiel to complement Difranco's guitar.

The verdict on Difranco's new album? She's no crack-cocaine. Instead she grows on you slowly. She's also far cooler than most of the "confessional" female singer-songwriters to rise out of the '90s.

Even though she sometimes sings

of bitter emotions, she doesn't whine, and she keeps her sense of humor with clever turns of phrase.

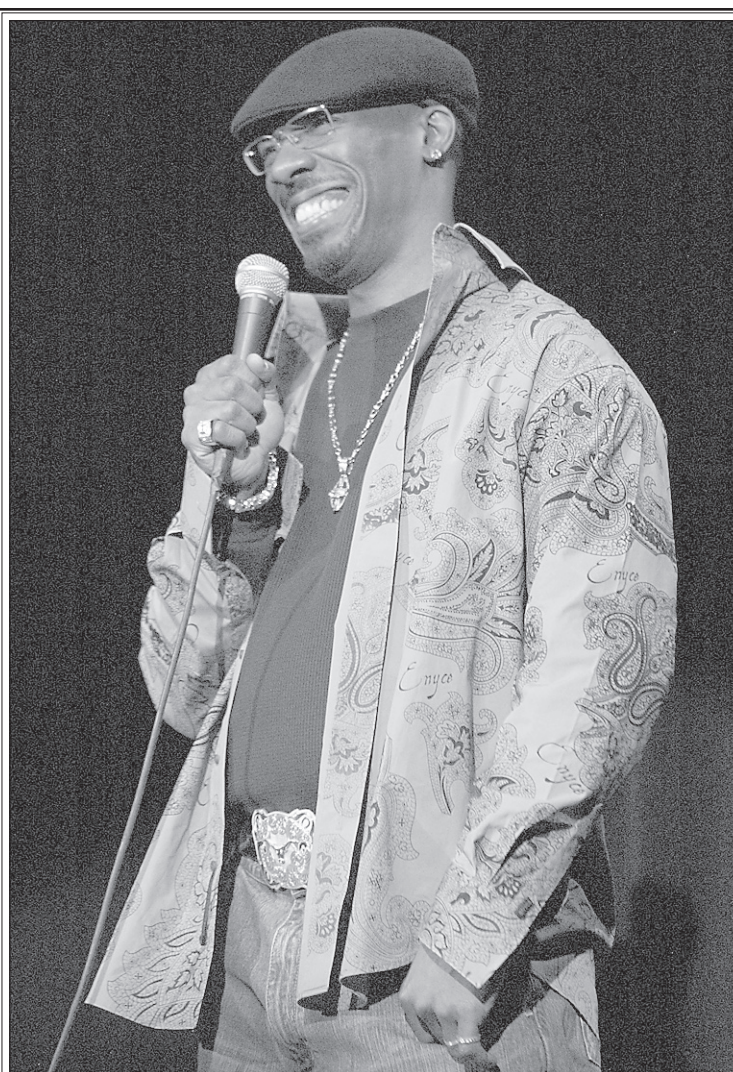
Her instrumental musical arrangements are more interesting, the folk-funk's got a sweet meandering groove

that strays from straight-up guitar folk-pop and her lyrics are like strange little vignettes that float into your consciousness.

Her voice is low, breathy and lilting all at once. And if you've ever felt the emotions of her song "Sunday Morning"—"eggs frying...both of us reading/Sunday morning you're doing your thing/and I am doing

"Even though she sometimes sings of bitter emotions, she doesn't whine and she keeps her sense of humor with clever turns of phrase."

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By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

I'm Rich, Beeyatch!: Cast members, including Charlie Murphy, from the Comedy Central skit series *Chappelle's Show* stopped at the Ferst Center for the Arts last Friday on the "I'm Rich, Beeyatch!" tour.

Wedding Date offers surprise ending

This romantic comedy is not your typical 'chick flick'

By Jessica Luza
Contributing Writer

Ever agonized over having to find a date for an event? What about to an event that you were dreading? And what about knowing that at this same event you would see your ex? And I don't mean an ex-boyfriend; I am talking about an ex-fiancé.

"The fact that Kat has never mentioned a boyfriend before does warrant a few questions from her mother, but only briefly, and since Nick is a...very good actor, everyone assumes they are a real item."

You can imagine how unappealing this situation would actually be, but it makes for a great plot in *The Wedding Date*. Debra Messing's (*Will & Grace*) sophisticated and charismatic character, Kat, hires a male escort (Dermot Mulroney, *My Best Friend's Wedding*) to be her date for her younger sister's wedding



Photo courtesy Universal Pictures

Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney co-star in the romance-comedy *The Wedding Date*. In common situational comedy style, Messing's character, Kat, hires a male escort to pose as her boyfriend.

in London.

As the older sister, she feels that she should have been the first to get married, and she would not dream

of attending the wedding solo. The fact that Kat has never mentioned a boyfriend before does warrant a few questions from her mother,

but only briefly, and since Nick is a well-experienced escort and a very

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Jazz up your life at Ferst Center

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, the Concord Jazz Festival is coming to the Ferst Center right here on the good old Tech campus. The festival will feature acclaimed vocalists Karrin Allyson, Oleta Adams and Diane Schuur, as well as the new face of Sara Gazarek. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$30 and \$40.

Big Apple Circus is coming to town

Starting this weekend through Feb. 27, the Big Apple Circus will be at Stone Mountain Park. A traditional one-ring circus, it includes jugglers, clowns, trapeze artists, horses and various other entertainers. Show times are Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$10-36.

Atlanta Opera presents *Boheme*

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday, The Atlanta Opera is putting on a production of Puccini's *La Boheme*, the tragic story of two poor Bohemian lovers. The opera will be playing at Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center in Midtown. Show times are 8 p.m. on Thursday, 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday. Ticket prices start at \$17.

Botanical gardens hits V-day trifecta

This Saturday, Feb. 12, the Atlanta Botanical Gardens play host to Valentine's Orchid Night, featuring music, chocolates and of course, blooming orchids. The event is from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Reservations are required, so check it out at www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

They ain't nothin' but mammals

Feel the need for a little biology on your Valentine's Day weekend? The Atlanta Zoo will be putting on "Love in the Zoo: The Science of Animal Courtship," which explores the wide ranging world of animal mating rituals. The event goes from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, and tickets cost \$69. The show is 21 and up, reservations are required and can be made at www.zooatlanta.com.

Valentine's Day sucks anyway

For those of you out there who are tragically all alone this Valentine's Day, Vision Night Club and Lounge is having a Bitter Ball. "Valentine's for Singles" starts this Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance at www.q100atlanta.com/bertshow/bitterball05.

‘Nique staffers offer up Grammy predictions

By Hillary Lipko
Entertainment Editor

This Sunday, the music industry’s elite will assemble at the STAPLES Center in Los Angeles for the 47th annual Grammy Awards.

This year’s Grammy hopefuls include Maroon 5, Green Day, Modest Mouse, Incubus, Evanescence and the late Ray Charles.

The winners are chosen by the Recording Academy, an organization of music industry professionals who, according to their website, are “dedicated to improving the quality of life and cultural condition for music and its makers.”

While we here at the ‘Nique are far from music industry professionals, we do know a thing or two about music and what we like. And since no publication would be complete without its own predictions of who will go home with a Grammy, the

Technique staff offers its picks for 16 of the 107 Grammy categories.

It is worth noting that our picks for Best New Artist and Best Rock Song were unanimously chosen by the participating staff members.

The category for Best Electronic/Dance Album is new this year, and the competition is sure to be stiff with Paul Oakenfold, The Crystal Method and Paul Van Dyk, all heavyweights in the genre, as nominees.

The winners in the major categories this year look to go along predictable lines, with commercial successes Usher and John Mayer taking home Record and Song of the Year, respectively. Ray Charles is favored to win the Album of the Year, as posthumous awards are common for such legends in the ceremony following their death.

It doesn’t look as if there will be many upsets this year, like in 2001 when jazz rockers Steely Dan

upset the Album of the Year category in which such commercial successes as Eminem were nominated, or in 2003 when Norah Jones upset Bruce Springsteen in the same category.

For a complete list of categories and nominees, go to www.grammy.com.

The Grammy awards will air on CBS for the 32nd consecutive year. The ceremony broadcast starts at 8 p.m. this Sunday.

Record of the Year: *Yeah!* by Usher

Album of the Year: *Genius Loves Company* by Ray Charles

Song of the Year: “Daughters” by John Mayer

Best New Artist: Maroon 5

Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal: “My Immortal” by Evanescence

Best Dance Recording: “Get Yourself High” by The Chemical Brothers

Best Electronic/Dance Album: *Legion of Boom* by The Crystal Method

Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal: “Take Me Out” by Franz Ferdinand

Best Hard Rock Performance: “Megalomaniac” by Incubus

Best Rock Song: “Float On” by Modest Mouse

Best Rock Album: *American Idiot* by Green Day

Best Alternative Music Album: *Good News For People Who Love Bad News* by Modest Mouse

Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals: “Lose Your Breath” by Destiny’s Child

Best R&B Album: *The Diary of Alicia Keys* by Alicia Keys

Best Score Soundtrack Album for a Motion Picture, Television or Other Visual Media: *Lord of the Rings: Return of the King* by Howard Shore

Best Short Form Music Video: “Take Me Out” by Franz Ferdinand



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You know, we could make a TV show about being a CS TA... it would be like ER... except TA.

The reason we don't have enough seats at bball games is because of the recent (2 yrs.) influx of fairweather fans Sherwin is a joka'

I was behind some lady today with a "I support non-violent television" bumper sticker. So I hit her.

Teach that bitch to mess with my Sopranos, Deadwood, and Nip/Tuck.

In hindsight, maybe I shouldn't have been driving my work truck. Boy, will Progressive be pissed Monday.

Thanks to the guy who got my dollar unstuck outside skiles! It was much appreciated!

CRC is the place to be February 11th! Dance Marathon will rock! Bring donations to the door!

DM@GT, don't miss out!

Wow. Andrew is known as "Mohs" by his friends? I don't know what's more outstanding-that he's got such a lame nickname or that he's got friends.

Seriously, "Mohs", you need a lesson in style. One week in WPB is all you need. And we'll work on getting you a new nickname.

It works better than any subscription to GQ or Cargo.

some of my sorority sisters are stupid

ATTENTION GUYS: valentines day is soon. please appreciate your girlfriends in ways other than telling us we look hot. (flowers help)

If we lost to Duke in a fair game, I would not be nearly as upset.

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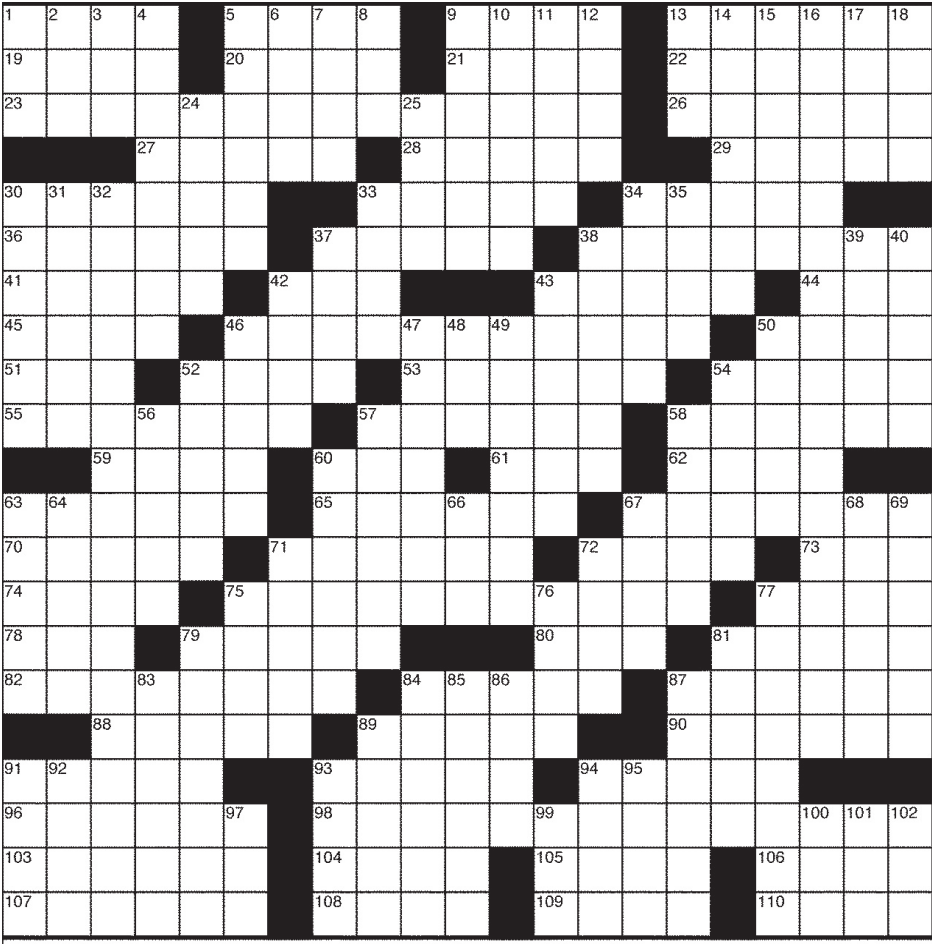
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ACROSS

- 1. Group of voters
- 5. Nobleman
- 9. Shakespeare’s seven
- 13. Greeting in Jerusalem
- 19. Space lead-in
- 20. Venetian isle
- 21. Three-piece-suit item
- 22. Portuguese explorer
- 23. Fictional lovers in 19th-century Paris
- 26. Dry, as in humor
- 27. Oxe
- 28. Beginning
- 29. Tear channels
- 30. Have the means
- 33. Chimney channels
- 34. “Vita Nuova” poet
- 36. Tropical vines
- 37. Wintry sting
- 38. Licores in Chihuahua
- 41. Fevers
- 42. Depression-era agcy.
- 43. It may be glazed
- 44. Windsor’s prov.
- 45. Rumble
- 46. Fictional lovers in World War II Morocco
- 50. ___ James of “Trust in Me”
- 51. Morsel
- 52. Miss ___ Lollobrigida
- 53. Team spirit
- 54. Author ___ Nin
- 55. Popular food fish
- 57. Made over
- 58. Recoil
- 59. Loan document
- 60. Scull
- 61. Big dictionary: abbr.
- 62. March in front
- 63. Small military groups
- 65. Gets by with little
- 67. Doctor’s pincers
- 70. Beans
- 71. Coinage
- 72. Brusque
- 73. Touched off
- 74. Domed movie screen
- 75. Fictional lovers during Russian revolution
- 77. Temple, archaically
- 78. Debussy’s “La ___”
- 79. D’Onofrio’s “Law & Order” character
- 80. Alcott of the links
- 81. Painful patch
- 82. Very poor
- 84. Gussy up
- 87. The animal world
- 88. Bowler’s haunt
- 89. Stretch for a better look
- 90. San ___, Texas
- 91. Danger



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- 93. Notorious degree
- 94. Kings Peak range
- 96. Nike rival
- 98. Fictional lovers in old Verona
- 103. Undeveloped
- 104. Aggressive deity
- 105. Voltaire’s thought
- 106. City in Ukraine
- 107. Savvy
- 108. Buda’s other half
- 109. “___ Horizon”
- 110. Appetites

DOWN

- 1. Four-year degrees
- 2. Actor ___ Ayres
- 3. ___ pro nobis
- 4. Tolerates
- 5. Tartans
- 6. One, in the Reichstag
- 7. Whirlpool
- 8. Marsupial, for short
- 9. Chicago’s Michigan
- 10. Prepare to run
- 11. ___ Park, Colo.
- 12. Editor’s order
- 13. Reagan defense prog.
- 14. This doesn’t crack easily
- 15. Forest rodent
- 16. Fictional lovers in Arthurian England

- 17. Skip over
- 18. “Big” fast-food items
- 24. Nostrils
- 25. 1996 also-ran
- 30. Poplars in Puebla
- 31. Go ___!
- 32. Fictional lovers in 16th century Germany
- 33. Anti-aircraft fire
- 34. Thickheaded
- 35. Shade of blue
- 37. Animal shelter org.
- 38. Rang
- 39. Huxley’s “___ Hay”
- 40. Hidden supply
- 42. Finishes first
- 43. Sawyer, et al.
- 46. Ascends
- 47. “My country ‘tis of thee ...”
- 48. Doze off
- 49. Sagged
- 50. Early computer
- 52. Billionaire Bill ___
- 54. On the qui vive
- 56. Ore for cleanser
- 57. Collect, as winnings
- 58. Actress ___ Robson
- 60. USMC helicopter
- 63. Use a ladder
- 64. Anouk ___
- 66. Part of an hr.

- 67. Frenzy
- 68. Pineapple-shaped
- 69. Two-channel sound
- 71. Irritable
- 72. Amusingly out of date
- 75. The past
- 76. Halting
- 77. With no frills
- 79. Chivalrous
- 81. African language
- 83. Seating on the porch, perhaps
- 84. Prepares for painting
- 85. Most scarce
- 86. China prefix
- 87. Aircraft engine
- 89. Mowing the law, e.g.
- 91. Buddies
- 92. Holland export
- 93. Pitfall
- 94. Computer command
- 95. Fateful dates
- 97. Holy men: abbr.
- 99. Be under the weather
- 100. “___ Got Sixpence”
- 101. Geologist’s reckoning
- 102. Flat-screen, wide-screen, et al.

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Wed

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good actor, everyone assumes they are a real item.

Similar to any other romantic comedy, the two protagonists must fall in love. For the over-stressed Kat who is constantly worrying about her ex-fiancé, though, it takes her a good portion of the movie for her to realize what a fox Nick is and what a kind heart he possesses.

Unlike your typical chick flick, there are some unexpected turns that you don't see coming—which is a good thing since most of these types of movies are way too predictable from the beginning.

The film provides an even balance of comedy, romance and a tone of serious melancholy that keeps it from being either too sappy or too depressing. It takes some of the best elements from comedy-romances like *My Best Friend's Wedding* and *Pretty Woman* and compacts them into a story which adds its own little twist.

Without giving away the plot, I will divulge that a big secret is revealed—one that almost destroys

her sister's marriage and has Nick speeding to the airport to get back to the U.S. as soon as possible.

Believe me, you will be happy that I did not give the "secret" away and trust me, you won't see it coming.

Kat and Nick have incredible chemistry, and the rest of the char-

"There is the alcoholic mother, the soft-spoken father, the spoiled rotten bride and her ignorant husband-to-be, as well as the rest of the quirky wedding guests."

acters are well cast and amusing. There is the alcoholic mother, the soft-spoken father, the spoiled rotten bride and her ignorant husband-to-be, as well as the rest of the quirky wedding guests.

The London countryside serves

as nice scenery for a majority of the movie, and the jokes successfully keep coming throughout the movie's entirety.

Instead of only being a movie that showcases two incredibly gorgeous people falling in love with the help of a team of Hollywood writers, the plot also builds on the most basic and humanistic principle of a relationship: trust.

While some parts of screenwriter Dana Cox's first film may seem a bit too dramatic or fake, the storyline is completely genuine and entertaining.

The soundtrack to the movie, which is a fun and interesting compilation of songs, serves as an appropriate background for this feel-good romance.

Unfortunately, Universal has no plans of releasing a soundtrack commercially, which serves as a disappointment to some fans of the music in the film.

Guys, those of you who are in need of a date idea for Valentine's Day, buying a bouquet of flowers and taking your girlfriend to see *The Wedding Date* would be an excellent choice.



Photo courtesy Righteous Babe Records

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mine....still it's Sunday morning I miss you the most"—then it's sure to give you a kick to the gut with romantic nostalgia when you listen to this track.

Sometimes the album is hit-or-miss; "Lag Time" in particular, well,

lags. On some tracks the musical meandering seems to be going nowhere. "Modulation" was another of the better tracks. Difranco sings, "cause neither of us was wearing helmets/ and our blood was everywhere."

Those lyrics are a sentiment on love that I like to hear. Happy Valentine's Day.

**TECH
B*TCH
COMIX**Original
Comic
Strip

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time will come,” Dickey said .
Coach Hewitt aided Dickey immensely in his transition.
“He is not afraid to tell you what is on his mind or what he thinks about you. If you are playing bad, he will tell you that you need to pick it up; he will tell you what he thinks of you, and that I respect,” Dickey said.
Unlike teammate Anthony

Morrow, Dickey sees considerable differences between his high school coach, Keven Spencer and Hewitt. “[Coach Hewitt] is more laid back than my high school coach,” Dickey said. “[He] is much taller than my high school coach. He was 5’10” and he was always ranting and raving and we would be up by 20 and he would still be at the sideline ranting and raving. You would never catch Coach Hewitt like that unless it was a real bad call.”
These differences have allowed

him to adapt quickly to Tech compared to his days playing for Marlboro County.
But perhaps the real driving force behind Dickey’s game derives from his earlier coaches as well as his mother. Both agreed that with a fix in attitude, his game would allow itself to elevate to the college level.
“I had a quick temper, and I was short on the court. My coaches used to tell me I would not go anywhere with my attitude and that no college coach would want a player with that

kind of attitude. My mom used to tell me that same thing so I knew I had to make a change,” Dickey said.
With the change in attitude came evidence of the talent that Hewitt recruited him for, such as a 13-point, five-rebound, two-block performance against Virginia in ACC play as well as 15 points and six boards against Lafayette, a game Dickey recalls as his best moment this season.
“Coach Hewitt put me and Anthony [Morrow] in at the same time

and we started our own little run. We were playing sluggish at first and then coach put us in and we started our own little run,” Dickey said.
Looking to the future, with the graduation of Luke Schenscher after this season, Dickey seems slated to be the heir apparent to a starting role in the middle of the Jackets’ attack.
Looking into the future, Dickey, a student in the College of Management, aspires to open his own business if he does not find a career in the NBA.

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If you were a TV channel it would be Nipelodian.
Mt sliver wasn’t published?? Do you know how mad that makes me? So mad, I’m going to punch a sleeping baby right in the face.
Courtesy Josh Cohen and the home team.
wzzr.com
Because of them, I got to hug Lexxus.
Playboy has the girls of Jacksonville? Where’s Jackie? She’s hot. And she gave me a free lap dance. Because we hang at Lynch’s together.
ooh a new sexy silver box this GT alum has not seen before yay I have a real job and you guys are still stuck at Tech studyin ;)
What the hell is a “justified” prejudice you fat bastard?
People still hate, they just keep most of it to themselves.
Why are all my classes so uninteresting?
Why are all my teachers so lame?
I Christians are right then you’re screwed.
Mandatory attendance to boring/useless physics lectures is very shaft-ish. Bad, naughty, evil, wicked Zoot! Erm... physics department.
Cadet, I said it before, and I’m gonna say it again, “Get to class you slacker, or you’re gonna fail outta tech or get on the M-train!”
Lazy asshole slacker. FHJBE didn’t write this.
Brian did.
So did Patrick.
Dingle and Da Back Wudz suck at Halo 2.
If you read over the crime reports for the last month or so, there have been thousands of dollars of damage to cars during breaking and entering, and many more in thefts.
You know what arrests have been made? Only several students in possession of marijuana. This is why we smoke weed, guys. whos side are you on?
Kinsey report at Georgia Tech: So are you right or left handed?
Brooker’s new book: “How to get chicks and woo women via Instant Messenger: tips from the IM Master”
elder
Grinnell stinks...they would lose to our women’s team man woman Segmentation Fault. Core Dumped.
.flame rocks!
only goats

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have surgery and something like that done to your body, it sinks in pretty well when you are immobile. Over the next month, it really sunk in that this is the first time in my life that I won't be playing in a baseball season. After having that surgery done, I knew right then and there that it was over. I just had to start preparing my mind for enjoying my rehab as much as I could."

After any injury, the rehab period is crucial to a player's recovery. The style of the rehab program that is used can be the difference in players ever playing again or further injuring themselves.

"We were on a pretty strict rehab program," Slayden said. "We really took our time with it, and they never pushed me past where I wanted to go until it was needed. By the time that it was needed, my arm was ready to do it. It was never that bad, but at first I was tentative. We were only throwing from 25 feet, so it wasn't that big of a deal."

After being away from baseball for almost a year and not being able to utilize the arm for several months after the surgery, Slayden's arm has almost made a full recovery. The arm is far enough along that it will not keep him out of any action at the start of the season.

"[The shoulder] is pretty good," Slayden said. "I think that it still has a little ways to go in terms of being great every day, but I've thrown the best that I've thrown in five years the other day. My arm has been bothering me for five years now, but the other day we took infield, and I threw, and it felt great. It was a little sore after that, but it felt really good."

Coaches tend to be harsh critics of a player's development. They want their players to understand the areas in which they need improvement. This is especially true for the more veteran players who they feel can

handle the criticism, but Tech Head Coach Danny Hall had nothing but positive remarks to make about Slayden.

"Jeremy Slayden, who missed most of last year with shoulder surgery, has come back fully strong from that," Coach Hall said. "He had a great fall offensively. I look for Jeremy to have a breakout year. He has worked very hard through rehab. I think the fact that he missed a year has freshened his perspective on baseball. I just see him having a lot of fun and working very hard to really prove to everyone what a really great

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Danny Hall
Baseball head coach

player he is. I think we have three excellent starting outfielders."

Similar to most individuals growing up in the Bible Belt, spirituality plays a major role in shaping who an individual is and their perspective of the world. This holds true for Slayden who, even when facing adversity, found a way to enjoy it, and take it as a lesson.

"[My spirituality] helped me a lot during tough times," Slayden said. "Last spring when I couldn't play, I couldn't move around because I had a hurt back and arm. Nobody knew about my back problems, but it was giving me problems, so I couldn't move much. During that time, I didn't know what to do, and I didn't know where my life was go-

ing. I didn't know if I'd get to play baseball again with my surgery, so I just kind of had to rely on God. I had to realize that he has a plan for my life, and I've got to have confidence in that."

After the scare of the shoulder surgery, Jeremy had to face the fact that he might never be able to play baseball again. This led him to thinking of what would happen after his playing days were over.

"Sometimes I think of [life] after baseball, but as far as a career path I'm not sure exactly what I would want to get into," Slayden said. "I know that I would enjoy sales or business, and I am a Management major. If I happen to come back, I would graduate in the fall. My spiritual life and church life is a big deal to me, so there might be some areas there that I would like to get into or be a part of. There are several ways that it can go, but right now I'm focused so much on baseball that I'm not really thinking about anything else with the season coming up."

Going into last season, Slayden was a highly-touted prospect, but after the injury he decided to get a medical redshirt and come back for another season with the Jackets. Much like any other player, Slayden has his preferences to where he'd like to go when he's drafted.

"I think that it would be really neat to go with the Atlanta Braves," Slayden said. "I'm familiar with them, and know people in their system. The Boston Red Sox would also be good because I know a lot of guys in [their system]. Pretty much right now, I'm just looking forward to that part of life coming up after the season."

Slayden and the rest of the Jackets will be in action this weekend. Today they will be hosting Georgia State at 2 p.m. at Russ Chandler Stadium in the season opener for No. 13 Tech. The team will be traveling for Saturday and Sunday afternoon games in Statesboro against Georgia Southern.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Shelden Williams blocks Luke Schenschler's attempt at Duke on Saturday. Williams blocked six shots for the Devils in the game.

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loss against No. 4 Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium last Saturday.

Playing without Elder on the road, the Jackets lacked the grit that helped the team make it to the NCAA Championship game last season.

"Right now, we're not tough enough to do it. Point blank. No need in sugar coating it. We're just not tough enough right now to do it. I know we have it in us. I'm to blame as much as anybody, but to win on the road you've got to show some toughness and I don't think we've done that. We haven't deserved to win a game yet," Hewitt said after the loss.

The Blue Devils bolted ahead of the Jackets at the end of the first half with Jarrett Jack saddled on the bench with two fouls and never looked back. Jack finished the game with 18 points to lead the Jackets.

The run came minutes after Cameron Indoor Stadium went silent as Duke Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski collapsed to the floor; he returned to the huddle after a few seconds and finished the game on the sideline.

The Devils were led by junior guard J.J. Redick; the defense of several Tech players including Mario West, who played very well in the contest, held Redick to hitting only one-third of his shots, but he still led the Devils with 26 points in the contest.

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Our basketball team should schedule Grinnell next season
so how's recruiting of hot caucasian girls going?
two bits man: get a girl on your wang, c'mon
blonde MGT girl, you take the pain of tech away, thank you.
blonde girl: guy writing stalker stuff is my roommate
blonde MGT girl: i'm seriously not a stalker, I just think you're
really pretty
yeah he is
why would some girl talk live on wgnx and refuse to talk to the
technique?
you've already put urself out there, and apparently you like to
talk
Crazy loud French people in the computer labs...
If a tree falls on the entirety of France, does anyone care?
I may be an ATHEIST, but that doesn't mean I can spell.
I guess all the devout christians at this school don't read the
Slivers. Huh...
guy in black wife beater at CRC: wear some longer shorts
Can we please decide on a location for commencement so that
I can sent out my invitations?
Way to go SliverGirl for laying down the LAW
I am SOOOO going to miss atlanta's underground music when
i graduate
WIN AN AWAY GAME!!!
here begins my Physics rant...
So we had 3 lectures and a recitation... or four lectures essen-
tially
The physics department has been built around laziness...
WebAssign is evil and a tool of the devil
Instead of doing the same "cart" experiments, maybe we can do
something useful in lab?
When a teacher rambles on for an hour every lecture nonstop,
I want to stab my brain
Thus ends the physics rant for now...
Jessica, you are beautiful..

Football inks 19 recruits on national signing day

By Lokesh Padhye
Contributing Writer

Football Head Coach Chan Gailey and his coaching staff signed 19 recruits on national signing day last week.

"We think we've got an excellent group of football players and students for our program. We are excited about our guys and what each of them brings to the program," Gailey said. Tech's star recruits include safety Anthony Barnes, tight ends Colin Peek and Michael Johnson and left-handed quarterback Jonathan Garner.

All four are ranked in the top 50 for their respective positions by **Scout.com**.

Anthony Barnes from Cartersville was named one of the Southeast's Top 100 by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and was ranked in the top 20 prospects from Georgia by **Rivals.com**.

Gailey was pleased with the signing of Barnes. "He is an amazing athlete," he said.

With the signing of the top two tight end prospects in Johnson and Peek, the Jackets ensured a formidable offensive line for the future.

"They both are very special players, but they're different. Colin is the bigger, stronger of the two right now, whereas Michael is the faster, quicker of the two. We're going to give Michael a strong look on defense as well. He's that good of an athlete and did a lot of things for his football team. But they're both really good football players," Gailey said.

Tech completed its offensive line with the signing of Randall Cox, Trey Dunmon, Cord Howard, Will Miller and Dan Voss.

"We fit some needs with some offensive linemen to add some depth, and were able to get some speed. You're looking at growth potential, athletic ability and how they run.

Cord Howard played offense and defense. Dan Voss was a wide receiver in the ninth grade; that's what kind of athlete he is. He went from wide receiver to tight end and then to the offensive line the last two years, so he has really made great strides. Will Miller is a big man who can run. Randall Cox came to our camp last summer and we really liked him. Trey Dunmon is a guy that we've

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Chan Gailey
Football head coach

kept our eye on at Hawkinsville. They all bring something special," Gailey said.

Gailey was equally impressed by Jonathan Garner, a quarterback from Daytona Beach, Fla.

"He fits into the mold of a classic quarterback," Gailey said. "Linemen are getting so big these days, so you need that taller quarterback that can see the field."

Tech also addressed wide receiver positions by signing Greg Smith, the No. 62 wide receiver in the nation by **Rivals.com**, and Martin Frierson, a top-50 prospect in South Carolina according to the *Columbia State*.

The Jackets added some strength to their defense with the signing of impressive linebackers in Taalib Tucker from East Point and Matt Braman from Niwot, Colo.

The signees on the defensive end include Jason Hill from Atlanta, Brad Sellers from Texas, and Vance Walker from South Carolina.

"Vance Walker is a guy who really came on his senior year," Gailey said. "He's got amazing quickness at the line of scrimmage."

When asked about any of the new recruits making impact as freshmen, Gailey said, "I don't know if any of them can make immediate impact. They all have special talent but you just don't know how big they are going to get, how physical they will be, how savvy they will be to come and play. You just have to wait and see."

Tech benefited from coaching changes at Florida (quarterback Jonathan Garner), Notre Dame (wide receiver Martin Frierson) and Mississippi (offensive lineman Trey Dunmon from Hawkinsville) to land some recruits who had originally committed to other schools.

"That's the way recruiting goes. You have to feel like, at the end, you got the ones you're supposed to get and the ones that come in and help your program."

The Jackets signed six recruits from Georgia, while the remaining are from Alabama (four), Florida (four), South Carolina (two), Colorado, Pennsylvania and Texas (one each). Last year, the Jackets had 11 of their 23 new signees hail from the state of Georgia.

"We recruit nationally, basically because of an academic standpoint. Our academics being higher, we need to increase our [search] area more. For the last two years, we did not recruit Georgia any less, but considering talent level in combination with academic standing, sometimes we don't get many from the home state," said Tech Recruiting Coordinator David Wilson.

Rivals.com ranks Tech's class at No. 62 and **Scout.com** has it ranked



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Chan Gailey speaks at a press conference. Gailey announced the signing of 19 recruits for next year on national signing day.

at No. 48 nationally.

"I don't count on those recruiting websites to do our evaluation for us. They don't see every football kid in the country. Rivals had only seven of our guys ranked, and that means the other 12 guys they have not seen. If they had, that would have kicked us up [in the rankings]," Wilson said.

Tech has awarded 19 of the allotted 21 scholarships this year.

When asked about the remaining two offers, Gailey said, "I don't have any specific plans. We never felt like

we have to use every scholarship. We are going to give it to those guys who can help us win a championship, and if we can't find enough of those guys, we will save it and use it next year."

When asked about what to expect from this class, Gailey said, "I know the character of this group, and that is something that excites me about working with this group for the next four or five years. I think they can develop into a special group by the time they get out of here."

Slayden hopes for strong return from injury



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jeremy Slayden takes a cut for the Jackets. Slayden is returning to the Jackets' outfield after missing most of last season due to injury.

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

With the new baseball season starting today, outfielder Jeremy

Slayden will be making his return to the diamond after being absent for nearly a year. Slayden tore his right rotator cuff last March after playing in only nine games and is

eager to return.

He had surgery and has been rehabilitating his arm during the fall to get back onto the field and contribute again for the Jackets. Despite the injury, Slayden is a preseason All-ACC selection.

"I think everybody is really excited about [the new season] right now," Slayden said. "We feel really good about our hitting. Our position players are doing a great job both offensively and defensively. Our pitching has been solid in our practices. We feel really good about the young guys coming in. There were some big shoes to fill, but we feel that we are really solid in all the positions."

One of the advantages or disadvantages, depending on the way it is perceived by the individual, of being an older player is that they are now counted on to mentor the younger players and introduce them to the Tech system.

Slayden has neither shied away from the increased responsibility, nor frowned upon the opportunity to be a leader on this team. Like many top baseball schools, starters at Tech often leave before their final year of eligibility to play professionally, so having a player with as much talent and experience is rare.

"Being a fourth-year and having gone through adversity, I know what to tell guys when they are dealing with hard stuff," Slayden said. "I've also had some success and I know what that's like, and I can help guys

in that arena. There are some guys that I'm friends with and a lot of them are younger, and it's fun to talk to them about growing up through the Georgia Tech baseball system. Some guys do come and talk to me whether it be baseball or off the field. That's a good thing."

Like most kids growing up playing baseball, Jeremy looked to follow in his father's footsteps, and he took the lessons that he learned from him to better himself on and off the diamond. Slayden looked to his father's idol and had a few of his own to watch how they played the game.

"There wasn't a particular player [that I idolized] but a lot of players," Slayden said. "I always really looked up to my father. He was a former athlete and played baseball in college at Murray State in Kentucky. I always looked up to him, and he knew a lot about hitting, so I learned a lot from him. He idolized George Brett, so I always looked at George Brett as far as a hitter. I also looked at Ken Griffey Jr. and some other more modern players when I was younger."

Like Griffey, Slayden has been

battling injuries for several years, but this hasn't deterred him from seeing a positive view of the events of the past or his outlook on the future.

"It's hard to deal with injuries," Slayden said. "Even when I was playing in my sophomore and freshman years, I was dealing with injuries, so I have kind of watched [Griffey].

I've learned that I need to enjoy this game and that I can't take it for granted. There was a time in my life where I thought that I could control my destiny and myself as a player. I've learned that there are only certain things that I can control, but one of those things is being able to enjoy the day,

the game, the people that you are around and giving it my best effort. Those are the things that I take pride in and want to do really well."

It often takes a while for a difficult emotional situation to sink in, and that was the case for Slayden.

"I think that the day that we said I was not going to be playing anymore, I had surgery the very next day," Slayden said. "Once you

"I always really looked up to my father. He was a former athlete and played baseball in college at Murray State...I always looked up to him..."

Jeremy Slayden
Starting outfielder

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Freshman Dickey gives hoops low-post presence

By Vishal Patel
Contributing Writer

As one of the rare breed of true power forwards coming out of high school according to his coach at Marlboro County High School, freshman Ra'Sean Dickey has established his low-post role in the Tech lineup.

Dickey has seen most of his playing time this season at the center position as a result of his skills on the low block. He has emerged as the primary backup to Luke Schenscher for the Jackets.

The big man has racked up six points a game, which is quite a feat as Dickey is averaging only nine minutes each game while piling on roughly four rebounds in the same amount of playing time.

Despite his extraordinary ability to score at a consistent rate within a few feet of the basket, perhaps his most remarkable characteristic is the potential he brings to the table.

"Everything I am doing this year, I want to improve upon next year," Dickey said in an interview after practice last week. "The freshmen are going to be a big part of the program next year along with the people coming back. We're all going to be battling for playing time and we just want to keep the program going along."

Averaging 18 points, 15 rebounds, and 5 blocks a game as a high school senior, his stat-line and game play reminded fellow freshman Zam Fredrick of the Sacramento Kings'

Chris Webber, one of the best power forwards in professional basketball.

Fredrick and Dickey played alongside each other on their AAU squad, the South Carolina Ravens, and the tandem took the team to new heights with the squad finishing the year ranked No. 22 in the country. The two made a collective choice to attend Tech.

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Ra'Sean Dickey
Freshman center

His high school and AAU performances bolstered him into the national recruiting spotlight where he was ranked as high as No. 26 nationally by some recruiting agencies. Dickey was a key component Coach Hewitt's 2004 recruiting class that was ranked No. 15 in the country and No. 2 in the ACC according to Bob Gibbons.

In the end the choice was between Auburn and Tech, and Dickey had

two good reasons to choose Tech: the vibrancy of the city of Atlanta and the ability to play as a freshman.

"I signed before [Tech's appearance in] the Final Four," Dickey said, recalling the day he signed his letter of intent. "I signed before my high school season and before Tech's season started. Basically I wanted to be somewhere in the city and out of the country where I know I could have a lot of fun and earn a lot of playing time."

Despite the outstanding numbers he put up in high school, the South Carolina native found the adjustment to the college game as tough as any other freshman, especially when asked to carry some of the heavy load left by the injury to teammate B.J. Elder for the first part of the ACC season.

Dickey has been impressive at times, but he has also shown a streak of inconsistency that is expected from freshmen. Along with the brilliant performances have come games like Dickey's first trip to Duke, when he had a difficult time against Shelden Williams and Tech's home win against Wake Forest when Dickey picked up three quick fouls and had a difficult time staying on the court.

"It was hard at first. I just had to get down to playing hard all the time like I did in high school. I was like this my freshman year of high school, so I am just going through the whole process again. I am not worried; my

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By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman Ra'Sean Dickey goes to the basket for the Jackets. Dickey has shown great promise in the low post for Tech this season.

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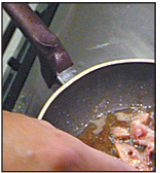
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BASEBALL STARTS TODAY

The first baseball game is today at 2 p.m. at home. Outfielder Jeremy Slayden's return from injury for the No. 13 Jackets. **Page 30**

BATTER UP

Another fire alarm? Is the guy down the hall trying to cook again? Read about the culinary skills of Tech students. **Page 20**



by the numbers

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The number of players still in contention for the Naismith Trophy, given to the top player in college basketball. Jackets guard Jarrett Jack was named as one of the 30 semifinalists by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. The junior from Fort Washington, Md. is Tech's leading scorer this season.

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Number of strikeouts that senior softball pitcher Jessica Sallinger has recorded in her career, which is the ACC record. The softball team is now 3-0. In the season opener against UTC, Sallinger threw a complete-game no-hitter to propel Tech to the 6-0 victory. In the second game of the double-header, Tech won 8-0.

On Wednesday Sallinger returned to the mound, and the team won 6-1 against Georgia Southern. Sallinger allowed only three hits in a complete-game victory.

Elder returns for road win

By Kyle Thomason
Sports Editor

The Jackets were able to add a pair of components that had been missing in ACC road games before Tuesday night's victory over the Clemson Tigers—toughness and senior shooting guard B.J. Elder.

Elder scored 11 points in his first action since going out in the first half of Tech's overtime loss to Kansas on New Year's Day.

"Before the game, I felt excited. I tried to calm myself down, but it didn't work," Elder said according to the *AJC*.

Elder certainly strengthened the team, but an unexpected contribution came from freshman forward Jeremis Smith, who has been out of the lineup since dislocating his knee in the third game of the season.

Smith, whose return was surprising, helped contribute some toughness that the Jackets had been lacking in his 15 minutes of action.

"That's what [Coach Hewitt] recruited me for, I'm a tough player and I'm aggressive," Smith said.

With the win, Tech became the last ACC team to record a conference victory on the road. The victory evened Tech's ACC record at 5-5, as they bounced back from an 82-65

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By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

B.J. Elder made his long-awaited return at Clemson Tuesday. He scored 11 points to help lead the Jackets to a 70-62 victory.

Women rebound against Wake Forest



By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Janie Mitchell scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds at Maryland and helped lead the Jackets to a 40-37 win over Wake Forest.

By Patrick Odneal
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball team won 40-37 in a tough road game at Wake Forest this past Wednesday. Tech's defense led the way in the low-scoring game and limited Wake

Forest to just three field goals in the first half.

"We knew that we had to come in here and play defense and rebound, and that's how this team played today," Women's Head Coach MaChelle Joseph said. "We came in and fought hard on their end of

the court, and I'm so proud of the effort that this Georgia Tech team showed today."

As the game was closing in on the two-minute mark, Wake Forest led 35-34, and Janie Mitchell hit a 15-foot jumper to give Tech the one-point advantage.

But the Demon Deacons would take the lead once more. Liz Strunk made two free throws with 1:32 left to make the score 37-36 in Wake's favor.

With 38 seconds left and the Jackets down by one, Jill Ingram stole the ball, drove down the court and made a lay-up to give Tech a 38-37 lead.

The Jackets held on to the lead, and with seven seconds left Stephanie Higgs made a pair of free throws to give the Jackets a 40-37 advantage. A last-second three point shot by Wake Forest didn't fall, and the Jackets came out with a tough ACC road win under their belts.

Higgs led the Jackets in scoring with 10 points, and was one of only two players who scored in double digits in the game. The other was Wake Forest's Strunk.

Ingram, Tech's second-highest scorer of the game, had eight points and four rebounds. Chioma Nnamaka scored seven and had eight rebounds.

These two teams have a history of playing tight contests. Last year Wake Forest and Tech played each other three times, and all three games were won by just two points, with one of those games being an overtime contest.

Because of the expanded ACC, this contest is the only regularly scheduled one between the two teams, but there's always the possibility they could meet in the ACC Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

Last Thursday the women traveled to College Park, Md. and lost to the Terrapins 84-

67. Three Tech players scored in double digits. Nnamaka scored 18 points, and Janie Mitchell had a double-double, scoring 17 points and pulling in 10 rebounds. Higgs chipped in with 14 points and 5 rebounds.

It was the 100th career win for Maryland Head Coach Brenda Frese. She spent two years at Ball State and one year at Minnesota before coming to Maryland where she is 43-36. Maryland is currently ranked No. 19 in the AP Poll.

This Sunday the Jackets return to action to play a non-conference game against the Arkansas Razorbacks. The 1 p.m. game will be played in the Gwinnett Arena.

sports shorts

Lacrosse opens season tonight

The men's lacrosse team starts their season tonight at 8 p.m. against Tennessee. If you've never seen a game before, this is the time to see one. You won't be displeased with the fast-paced and hard-hitting action of lacrosse.

The women's team also starts their season this weekend with a double-header in Athens tomorrow. At 9 a.m. Tech will take on UGA, and they will face Florida at 11 a.m.

Hockey faces UGA in grudge match

The hockey club faces off against the University of Georgia at 9:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Atlanta Ice Forum in Duluth. It is the third meeting between the two teams, and each team has one victory in the series. The Jackets won the first meeting 4-3 on Nov. 12. UGA won the second game 4-2 when the two teams met in the Thrasher Cup Championship. To get to the Atlanta Ice Forum, take I-85 north to exit 107. Take Hwy. 120 (Duluth Hwy.) west to Satellite Blvd.

ACC swims to Aquatic Center

The ACC Swimming and Diving Championships begin this Wednesday at the Aquatic Center in the CRC. The women's competition starts this Wednesday and lasts until Saturday, Feb. 19. The men's events are the following week, Feb. 23-26. Go root for the Tech teams to give them a home-pool advantage. Admission is free.

Men's tennis serves two wins

The men's tennis team picked up two victories Sunday. They defeated Wofford 7-0 in the morning and then downed Georgia Southern 7-0 in the afternoon. The Jackets are now 3-0. Freshman Sukhwa Young won both of his singles matches in straight sets, and he teamed with Zach Rath to win both doubles matches. The next home match is next Friday.

Five players earn academic awards

Travis Bell, James Butler, Nate Curry, P.J. Daniels and Chris Reis were all named to the ACC All-Academic team for football. To be eligible, a player must have earned a 3.0 GPA for the fall semester or have maintained a 3.0 GPA during his academic career. Bell is a first-time honoree, and it is the second year in a row for the other four players.